



# Growth Points

Smoothing the Way  
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Proverbs

## Devotional Seed:

How do you distinguish between good conflict and harmful conflict?

## Deeper Roots:

1. What is a mocker? What is the best way to deal with one?
2. According to Proverbs, how should we respond to criticism?
3. How should we respond to misguided criticism?
4. How does one know when it is best to drop an issue and when it is better to confront it?
5. What tactics should we use to resolve conflict and calm quarrels?
6. What is the meaning of Proverbs 27:5?
7. What does Matthew 18:15-20 teach about responding to conflict?

## Bearing Fruit:

1. Do you have good conflict in your growth group?
2. Do you have someone that tells you the truth? How do they tell it; how do you respond?
3. How do you respond to conflict and criticism? How can you handle it better?

## Branching Out:

Looking ahead to our Christmas outreach, plan now to invite friends and acquaintances. Hold each other accountable to make invitations and continue to pray for positive responses