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Saturday, January 13, 2024

Name: _____

Build homework

DUE: January 27

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from January 13 (D1-D3: Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Conflict Resolution).

1. What relationships in your life tend to be characterized by conflict most often or most easily?

2. Consider a sinful conflict that you have had in the past few months. What desires and expectations did you have that contributed to the conflict? (This question is attempting to get at the root motivations in your heart in the conflict. Try to avoid writing down your initial, knee-jerk answer. Perhaps asking yourself, "And why was I wanting that? ...and why was even that desirable to me?" as follow up questions might help you get down to the root desire). What could you have done to better prepare for that conflict before it arose? Was there something that you failed to practice, think about, or believe in the months, days, or moments leading up to the conflict that could have changed your own conduct?

3. What must you have been believing (about God, myself, and others) in the heat of the conflict? (Example: My will in having my way is more important than God's will for my holiness; 1Pet. 1:14-16)

4. What truth(s) must you embrace today and resolve to believe in the moment the next time conflict arises so that you will be pleasing to the Lord?

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the next lesson, (D1:The Heart) Biblical Repentance, think about what constitutes repentance. Is repentance simply putting an end to a sinful behavior, or is there something else? Consider that repentance is not just a one-time act but at conversion, it begins a lifelong process of confession.