## Learn to manage conflict instead of always avoiding it

## December 15

Conflict is often a necessary step towards unity. It is often in the struggle that we arrive at the best decision and come into agreement once that best has been discovered. Do not continue going through life so afraid of confrontation that you fail to realize the value and benefits of conflict. We not only must struggle with our enemies but we also should strengthen our friends, stretch our relationships, and search yet undiscovered answers to life challenges. Where would we be if we altogether forsook the pressures, the struggles, and difficulties of child birth? Remember the best is often discovered when we search for truth, despite the conflict. Learn to manage conflict instead of always avoiding it.

## *Prayer for Today*

Father, teach me to stand strong, unafraid of the conflicts of this life. Give me the grace to manage the moments when struggle is necessary to achieving my best for Your cause. Do not allow conflict to bring division but rather exercise me so that I might become stronger in Jesus' Name.

## Scriptures for Today

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. (NKJV)

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (NKJV)