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**The Way Of Wisdom**  
"Diffusing Contention"  
Proverbs 17:14

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Introduction: We are working our way through Proverbs, a very practical book that can guide us in the everyday moments of our lives.

1. This morning, we will focus on conflict/contention.
2. In the "me first" broken world we live in, conflict is inevitable.
3. When experienced, we will react differently.
4. Those expressions and reactions are pivotal.
5. Thus, we must learn to diffuse contention.

I. By Understanding The Threat Of Contention

- A. A Flood
- B. A Rainy Day
- C. Discomfort

II. By Applying The Cure For Contention

- A. Check Your Ego
- B. Loving Response
- C. Control Your Tongue
- D. Practice Patience

E. Control Your Emotions

F. Reject Defensiveness

G. Solve The Problem

Conclusion: Christ said conflict, contention is inevitable.

1. He also said to rise above it.
2. This is possible, but we may have to grow into that reality.
3. Solomon has shown us how.
4. Will you follow?