

BETTER BLOKES
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Let's look at how to have a win/win fair chat with the best results for all people.

1. What do you want out of the chat?
2. What might the other person want from the chat?
3. How best can we get the best outcome and be a winner?

No manipulation.

No mind reading.

No tricky stuff.

No patronising.

No agenda.

Just listen, think and pray and know you are OK.

Hebrews 13:2 If you can't talk to a stranger (angel)?

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."

Today's culture tells us

1. Mind your own business.
2. Don't talk to strangers.
3. Keep up your boundaries.

God says love ya brother!

Very important in all conversations.

1. What do I want?
2. What does the other person want?
3. How can we best get it happening?

If the other person wants 'nil' from the chat, that's OK - move on.

8 ways that can help you

- You may have to rephrase the point in another way.
- You may have to say sorry for being too pushy in the conversation.
- You may have to back off.
- You may need to walk away and come back to it another day.
- You may have to recreate the picture with a more gentle story.
- You may have to re-welcome the other person to tell you how they are hearing your point.
- You then may have to re-consider your initial approach.
- You may have to accept that the other person does not want anything out of the conversation.

My prayer to God when we have two Christians and something needs to be said and it could cause tension goes like this-

Dear God, please direct my words in a manner that you would have me say them from my heart so that they can be heard the way you would want them heard by the other person.

Thank you Lord. Amen

15 points to help and recognise and be sensitive to -

- People have hidden agenda.
- Those who don't and won't LISTEN, or are only tokenly listening.
- The shy or scared people, scared of saying something wrong.
- I'm not good enough, poor poor me people.
- People who want ya guts but then want to do a runner.
- The arrogant know all.
- The perfectionist look at me, look how good I do everything.
- The emotional person who cries at the first drop of a hat.
- People who just spit it and shut down on you as a weapon.
- Those who tell you all their stuff and never ask you how you are.
- Those who find fault with everything that is said.
- People who delight in dropping big clangers on you.
- People who are patronising.
- People who belittle you.
- The person who says "I know, I know, I know" - but doesn't.

7 tips for better chats

- Start in your heart.
- Ensure that the other bloke in the chat doesn't feel threatened or embarrassed, or that
- either of you need to win or lose.
- Take care in your chats not to do the old 'information download' on the other person.
- Take care not to make your story too .long, and avoid trying to read the other person's
- mind, just let the chat flow from your hearts.
- Sometimes you may have to take the bullet to help the other bloke gather strength to
- join in.
- Ensure the other bloke in the conversation doesn't feel overpowered.
- No manipulation.

Champion!

So what do you own?

What do you need to talk to God about?

What do we need to say sorry for or turn away from?

Do we love Jesus but have left him out of the hard moments in conversation?

Say sorry to God.

Which person closest to you has been copping it?

Are we still holding onto our learnt defences - silence and anger?

How do we want to change?

Can we believe that God can change us?

What things and stuff are getting in the way, that may be our mini gods?

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