

Teenage Conflict With My Friend

Living on the earth with the people of different nature around, almost all humans experience a certain form of conflict once in their life and I am not an exception. I have not got into only one interpersonal conflict till now but I have been affected the most by one.

Friendship is one of the pure and precious bonds and friends are pure and precious gifts. This bond is like a thread which is very delicate and sensitive which once if is broken then it can never be as before. It can be joined but with an everlasting knot which can never be erased. I had a very good friend who still is my friend but with a bit of sourness in heart. She was my friend from 5th grade. It is an incident in class 7. It was exam day. We were discussing exam questions and all. She said something and I replied that no matter how much she read, she was going to look after another friend's answer. I don't know whether it was my jealousy that she wrote an answer by asking and looking into others' copy but I can't or I was afraid she could score better marks if she gets help from others that I said so. After hearing such a statement she obviously got upset and said a few things in her defence. There was sudden guilt and regret in me that I should not have spoken in that way but after that the situation was not in my hands.

After that we gave our exams. An invisible wall was built between us. After the completion of vacation we went back to our school. We used to have lunch together with our two other friends. She started behaving abnormally with me in lunch and class as we were bench mates. I apologised to her but she didn't forgive me at that moment. The cold conflict between us was affecting and hurting both of us. After a few more days, she handed over me a letter where she expressed how hurt she was by my words. She mentioned that she shared the incident with her sisters and they consoled her and

advised her not to break friendship. She suggested that I use the words properly and improve my habit of speaking without thinking of its consequences. I also didn't want to shatter our 3 years long friendship like broken pieces of glass. Gradually we started speaking normally and pretended as if we forgot that incident but actually none of us had forgotten. Today also we are in touch and we are good friends.

From that conflict, I learned to think thrice before spitting anything from my mouth and I also learned how important role communication plays in solving conflict. Had she not communicated with me through the means of letter and shared her feelings we might not have been pals till now. I also learnt that time is like a medicine which heals our wounds. One should not leave everything to time, something should be left for time. Getting into conflict, especially emotional conflict with near and dear ones and recovering from it is not an easy task. Involving conflict does not always make one bad but learning from conflict and never repeating the same mistake definitely makes one great.

To sum up, conflict makes one emotionally weak and disturbed. We should always try to resolve and overcome conflict if we get into it. Most of the conflict arises verbally so one should be very careful before opening mouth and choose appropriate words for conversation.

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