

The In-Between, Part Two - What Comes Between Us

James 4:1

What causes fights and quarrels among you?

As long as you blame others for your unhappiness, you will always be unhappy.

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Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

James 4:2

You want something but don't get it...

When your desires become your priority, they are out of order and you're headed for conflict.

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You want something but don't get it, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

James 4:3

And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong...

Proverbs 13:10

Pride leads to arguments.

The purpose of prayer isn't to accomplish man's will in heaven, but to see God's will done on earth.

James 4:6

..."God opposes the proud"...

Pride not only causes conflict with other people but it also causes conflict with God.

Are our desires greater than our need for God?

James 4:6

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Four Ways To Diffuse Conflict

1. Give in to God

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God.

The real conflict is inside of you, who's in charge of my life?

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

When we have the peace of Christ in our heart then we can be at peace with other people.

2. Get wise to Satan

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2 Corinthians 2:11

In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes.

3. Grow closer to God

James 4:8

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The more time we spend alone with God, the better we get along with people.

Isaiah 26:3

He will keep him in perfect peace all those who trust in Him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord.

4. Be willing to ask forgiveness

James 4:8

"Wash your hands ... purify your hearts..."

James 4:9

"Let there be tears for the wrong you've done."

James 4:10

"Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up."