

Current Sermon Series:

# ***"Tools to Glorify God for Everyday Living"***

Today:

***"Peace Making"***



Opportunities for conflict are  
coming at you every day at  
many levels

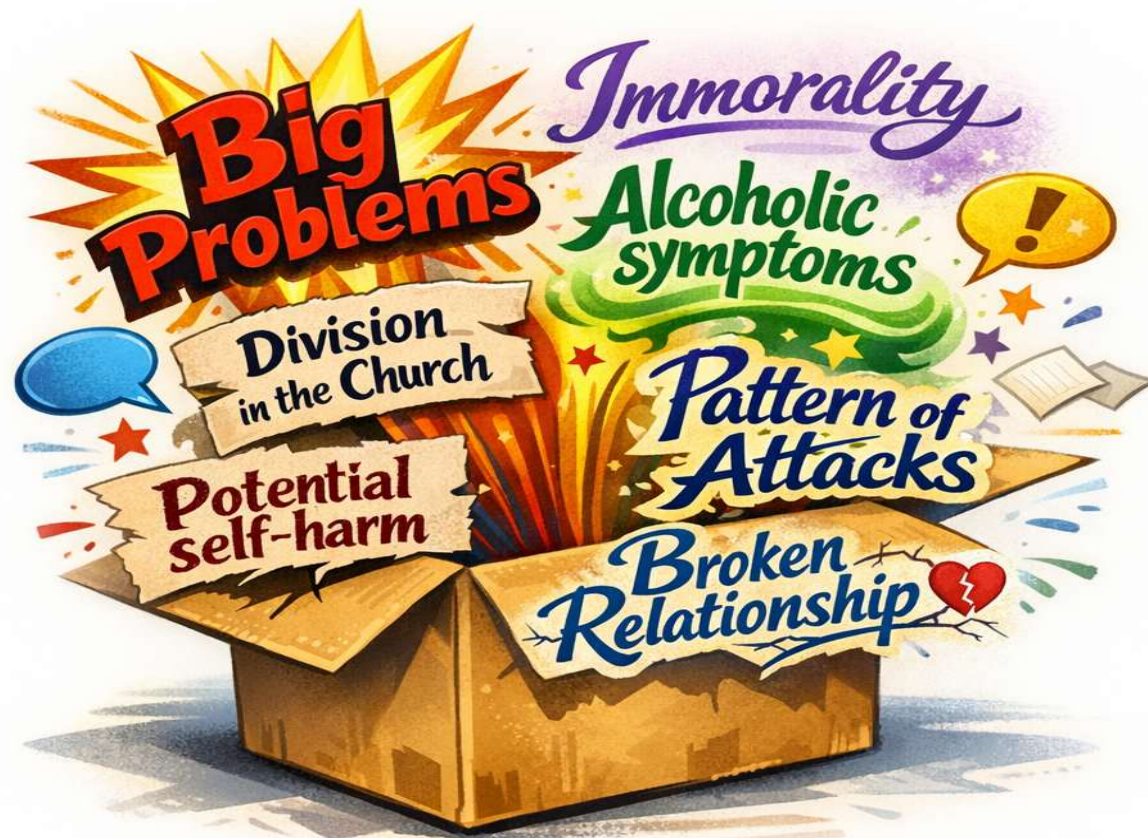


Box One



Box Two





— Box Three —

WHERE DO FIGHTS  
COME FROM?

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2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.



James 4:1-3 (NIV)

You do not have because you do not ask God.

3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

WHERE DO FIGHTS COME  
FROM?

## James 3:13-16 (Niv)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

James 3:13-16 (Niv)

15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 for where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

# SELFISH AMBITION

Pressing for identity, comfort, recognition, affirmation, and/or esteem from accomplishments or other people instead of from God.



“Only by throwing fewer sparks, and being able to extinguish small flames will you have fewer fires”

## Ten Faces of Selfishness

Self-sufficiency

Self assertion

Self Justification

Self-pity

Self Protection

Self-indulgence

Self-seeking

Self-righteousness

Self Will

Self-consciousness

WHERE DOES WISDOM  
COME FROM?

James 3:15-16 (Niv)

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## James 3:17,18 (Niv)

17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



Pure-Without envy or selfish motives

Peace-loving: desiring to make and keep peaceful relationships

Considerate/Gentle

Submissive/Reasonable

Full of Mercy-Willing to forgive

Full of good Fruit-spiritual  
impact

Impartial- without prejudice or  
bias

Sincere- honest and open

# PEACEMAKING TOOLS

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#1 Learn to overlook Box 1



Box One



1 Peter 4:8 (Niv)

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins

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Confess your specific  
selfish ambitions

# PEACEMAKING TOOLS

#1 Learn to overlook Box 1

#2 Dedicate yourself to peace

## Philippians 4:6,7(Niv)

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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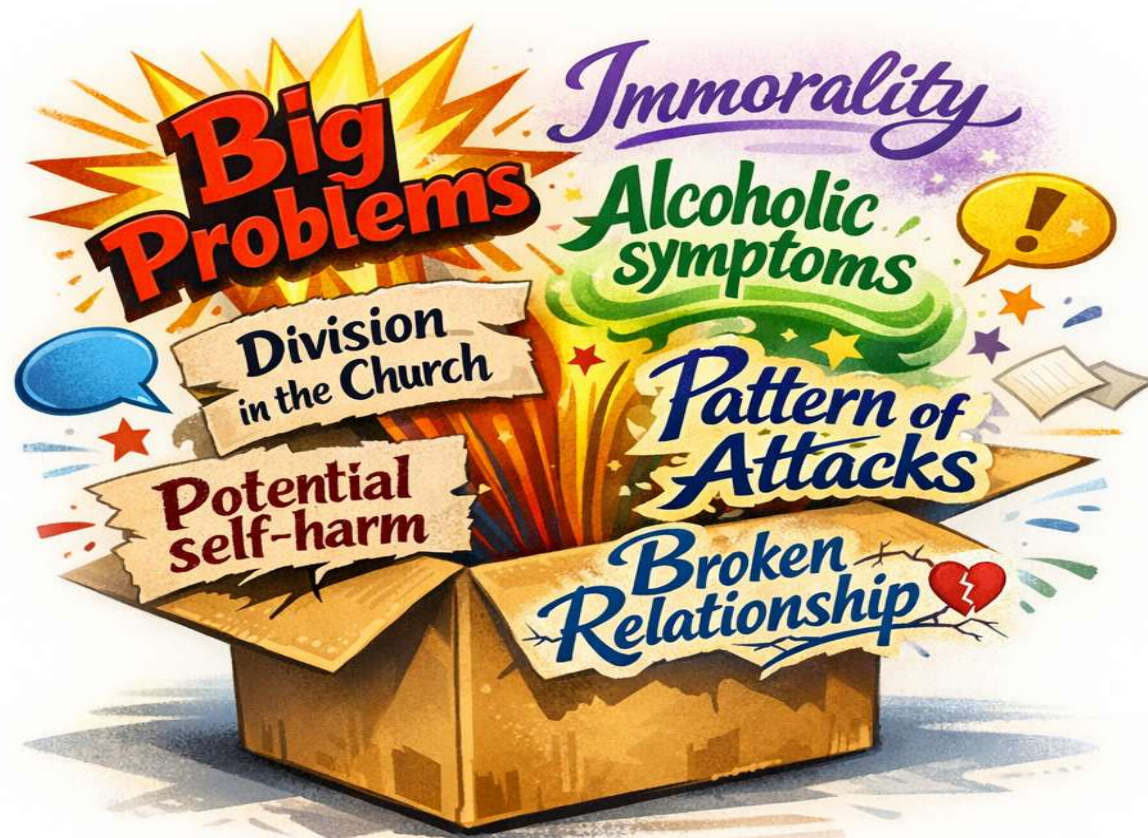
Remember you are a steward  
not an owner

# PEACEMAKING TOOLS

#1 Learn to overlook Box 1

#2 Dedicate yourself to peace

#3 Learn to deal wisely with Box 3



— Box Three —

## Matthew 18:15,16 (Niv)

15 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along...

# PEACEMAKING TOOLS

#1 Learn to overlook Box 1

#2 Dedicate yourself peace (again)

#3 Learn to deal wisely with Box 3

These are crucial  
conversations

# PEACEMAKING TOOLS

#1 Learn to overlook Box 1

#2 Dedicate yourself peace (again)

#3 Learn to deal wisely with Box 3

#4 Empty Box 2



Box Two

Box Two provides us with a  
terrible temptation:

To become bitter

To Gossip

To cause division

To break off relationships out of fear



Get Rid of Box  
Two!  
Sort it into Box 1 or  
Box 3

Colossians 4:6(Niv)

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.