

James 4:1-12

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“How To Stop Conflict”

MATTHEW 5:9

**“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of
God.”**

3 Things To Consider:

I. THE PROBLEM DESCRIBED

II. THE SOLUTION SUPPLIED (FROM GOD)

III. THE SOLUTION APPLIED (TOWARD MEN)

I. The Problem Described

- 1. Conflicts Come from the Quest for Pleasure**
- 2. Conflicts Come from Wanting What You Cannot Have**
- 3. Conflicts Come from Taking the Wrong Side**
- 4. Conflicts Come from a Lack of Humility**

1. Conflicts Come from the Quest for Pleasure

Pleasure = Hedonism

**desire (feeling) n. — the feeling that
accompanies an unsatisfied state.**

2. Conflicts Come from Wanting What You Cannot Have

**a. Yet you do not have because you do not
ask. (4:2)**

b. You ask with the wrong motives (4:3)

3. Conflicts Come from Taking the Wrong Side (4:4)

4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

ISAIAH 54:5

**“For your Maker is your husband,
The Lord of hosts is His name;
And your Redeemer is the Holy
One of Israel; He is called the
God of the whole earth.”**

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2-3

"2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-15

"14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?"

4. Conflicts Come from a Lack of Humility (4:6)

(4:6) And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

PSALM 138:6

"6 Though the Lord is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar."

PROVERBS 3:34

**"Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives
grace to the humble."**

ISAIAH 57:15

“For thus says the High and Lofty One, Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

II. The Solution Supplied (from God)

- 1. Therefore submit to God (4:7)**
- 2. Resist the devil (4:7)**
- 3. Draw near to God (4:8)**
- 4. Cleanse your hands (4:8)**
- 5. Purify your hearts (4:8)**

II. The Solution Supplied (from God)

Continued...

6. Lament (4:9)

7. Mourn (4:9)

8. Weep (4:9)

9. Let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom (4:9)

10. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord (4:10)

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PSALM 73:28

**“But it is good for me to draw near
to God...”**

ACTIONS & ATTITUDES

Outward Action

Cleanse your hands

You sinners

Inward Attitude

Purify your hearts

You double-minded

MATTHEW 5:4

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

PSALM 51:17

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, These, O God, You will not despise.”

III. The Solution Applied (to Men)

(James 4:11-12) 11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD & MAN

VS 7-10

Relationship w/ God

Commands in Aorist Tense

VS 11-12

Relationship w/ Man

Commands in Present Tense

MATTHEW 18:22-23

"32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"

Will You:

- 1. Submit to God?**
- 2. Resist the Devil?**
- 3. Draw Near to God?**
- 4. Lament, mourn & weep over your sin?**
- 5. Humble yourself and rely on God's grace?**
- 6. Quit playing judge over others?**

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