

## James 4:1a – Conflict with Others

- James – a brief review
  - Highly practical book
    - Sometimes considered the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Testament.
  - Refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ often.
  - Jesus' brother
- Sanctification
  - Define sanctification:
   
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  - James was practical and focused on discipleship. Appropriate discipleship leads to sanctification.
- Testing/Examining Your Faith
  - What is the purpose? (Psalm 139:23-24)
   
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  - Ways of testing your faith from James 1:
    - Response to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-12)
    - Response to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-18)
    - Response to \_\_\_\_\_
   
(vv. 19-27)
  - Ways of testing your faith from James 2:
    - How do you \_\_\_\_\_ ? (vv. 1-13)
    - Is your faith \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ ? (vv. 14-26)
  - Ways of testing your faith from James 3:
    - Do you control your \_\_\_\_\_ ? (vv. 1-12)
    - Do you follow the wisdom of the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ ? (vv. 13-18)
- The first faith test we see in James 4: Are you friends with the \_\_\_\_\_ or with \_\_\_\_\_?

- The type of \_\_\_\_\_ seen in the beginning of James 4 is the type that happens when we don't employ \_\_\_\_\_.

- “Quarrels”

- The Greek word is *po·le·mos* . We get our word “polemics” from this Greek word.
  - This word is often translated as \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament. (Matt. 24:6; Heb. 11:34; Rev. 11:7, 16:14)

- “Conflicts”

- The Greek word is *machē* .
  - This word refers to a specific \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

- “Among you”

- What does this tell you about the audience?

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- Hearer vs. Doer from James 1:22-25

- Separating the wheat from the tares (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43) – Whose job is this?

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- Who sees into the heart of humans?

- Conflict in the church isn't God's design/will! Let's look at some of these verses and see what God's commands are for His people.

- John 13:34-35

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- John 17:21

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- Acts 4:32

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- 1 Cor. 1:10

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- Phil. 1:27

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- So, how do we regard one another correctly? Let's read Phil. 2:1-11.

- Oneness/Unity (vv. 1-2)

- \_\_\_\_\_ NOT \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the purpose?

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- Commands (Phil. 2:2-4)

- DO \_\_\_\_\_

- DON'T \_\_\_\_\_

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- DO \_\_\_\_\_

- Indicative Statements vs. Imperative Statements

- Example (courtesy of Voddie Baucham)

- Indicative statement: "This is a flower."

- Imperative statement: "Smell the flower."

- v. 5 contains both

- Indicative \_\_\_\_\_

- Imperative \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the relationship between the indicative statement and the imperative statement in verse 5? \_\_\_\_\_

- How do we do it? (Rom. 12:1-2)

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- The Mind of Christ (vv. 6-7)
  - This is part of our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Humility is key.
- Conclusion
  - We can resolve conflicts with others by relying on the principles taught in Philippians 2.
    - BUT, it starts with examining our own hearts. We will discuss the process next week through a lesson on motives.