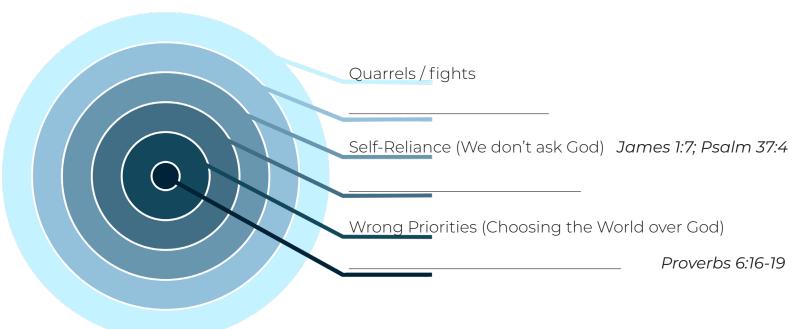


# When You Are In Conflict

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What causes quarrels and fights among you?

The Conflict Onion: James 4:1-6



#### **How to counteract the Conflict Onion:**

James 4:7-10

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- \_\_\_\_\_the Devil (and he will flee from you)
- Draw near to \_\_\_\_\_ (and he will draw near to you)
- \_\_\_\_\_your hands (repent and make restitution)
- \_\_\_\_\_your hearts (follow God, not the World)
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (over the conflict, the damage dealt, or the outcome)
- \_\_\_\_\_yourselves before the Lord
  - The promise: God will \_\_\_\_\_\_ you when you humble yourself!







### There will always be conflict in the world. James is addressing conflict within

#### **How to De-Escalate Conflict:**

James 4:11-12

- Do not \_\_\_\_\_\_ against a brother (or sister)!
  - We place ourselves above God
  - Shows our pride
- Choose \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. 11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

James 4:1-12 ESV

#### **Memory Verse**

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:10

## My next step today is to...

- o Memorize James 4:10
- o Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- o Identify which step I need to take to counteract the conflict onion
- o Read James 4:1-12 at least twice this week
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