

Awesome Relationships!

Secret Sauce to Overcoming Conflict

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Last week:

* The secret of awesome relationships is wisdom, because wisdom is a lifestyle.

Big Question:

James 4:1 - What causes fights and quarrels among you?

1. Conflict comes from only one source: _____

James 4:1 - ... Don't they come from **your desires** that battle within you?

2. My conflicts and fights come from something that's _____
of _____.

DESIRES means: *pleasures*, from which "*hedonist*" and "*hedonism*" are derived.

The desire to fulfill these pleasures comes from selfishness.

James 4:2 - You want something but don't get it...

3. Every time there's a conflict, it is because _____ want something.

James 4:2 - You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet...

4. My desires inside of me can be so strong that they lead to wrong _____ or _____.

James 4:2 - ... You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight.

Big Idea: What if we would pause and recognize: "I'm not getting what I want."

5. Why aren't my desires fulfilled?

James 4:2 - ... You do not have, because you do not ask God.

- I don't _____.

James 4:3 - When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may **spend** what you get on your **pleasures**.

- I have _____ motives.

James 4:4-5 - You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?

- I have a conflict with _____ because of my pride.

Big Idea:

The secret sauce for overcoming conflict: _____.

James 4:6 But He gives us more grace.

- That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the **humble**."

Four Actions to take:

1. _____ to God.

*James 4:7- **Submit** yourselves, then, to God.*

SUBMIT means: *To rank under*

2. _____ wise to Satan.

*James 4:7- **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you.*

3. _____ closer to God.

*James 4:8- Come **near to God** and He will come near to you.*

4. _____ for forgiveness.

*James 4:8-9- **Wash your hands**, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.*

- Our hands represent our conduct and our hearts represent our attitudes.

GOD'S PROMISE!

*James 4:10- Humble yourselves before the Lord, and **He will lift you up.***