

OUR IMPERFECT FAMILY  
(GETTING REAL ABOUT THE HEALTH OF YOUR HOME)  
Can We Stop Fighting?

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1. We all handle conflict differently, but there is only \_\_\_\_\_ source of conflict.

*James 4:1* - What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from **your desires** that battle within you?

2. Your 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. The \_\_\_\_\_ you have conflict is because you want something.

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

4. Your desire can be so strong that it leads to wrong \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_.

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

The \_\_\_\_\_:

What if you could pause long enough and recognize, "I'm not getting what I want."

5. Why aren't your desires fulfilled?

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

- You 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**.

- You 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. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?

- You have a conflict with \_\_\_\_\_ because of your pride.

6. The cure for 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."

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in to God.

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

**Submit** means: *To rank under*

- The starting point is getting peace inside before you can have peace outside.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ wise to Satan.

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

C. \_\_\_\_\_ closer to God.

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

D. \_\_\_\_\_ for forgiveness.

*James 4:8-9* - Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> 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.