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James 4:1-10

GOD'S CURE FOR CONFLICT

I. Introduction:

How do you deal with conflict?

II. The Cause of Conflict: _____

"What causes fights and quarrels among you?
Don't they come from your desires that battle within
you?" (v. 1)

THREE DESIRES

- * The Desire _____ (Possessions)

"You want something but don't get it. You
kill and you covet, but you cannot have
what you want." (vs. 2)

- * The Desire _____ (Pleasure)

"...that you may spend what you get on
your pleasures. (Vs. 3)

- * The Desire _____ (Pride & Power)

"Pride only breeds quarrels. Proverbs 13:10

Why aren't our desires fulfilled?

We don't _____: "You do not have,
because you do not ask God. When you ask, you
do not receive, because you ask with wrong
motives..." (vs. 2-3)

_____ **with God:** "God
opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
(vs. 6)

III. THE CURE FOR CONFLICT: _____

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (Vs. 6)

Humble yourself before the Lord, and he will lift you up."
(vs. 10)

Steps to Defusing Conflict

1. _____
"Submit yourselves then to God ..." (vs. 7a)

2. _____
"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (vs.7b)

3. _____
"Come near to God and He will come near to you." (vs. 8a)

4. _____
"Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts ..." (vs. 8b)

IV. Conclusion and Application: