

How To Deal With Conflict

Series: Summer Gains

James 4:1-10

Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body? James 4:1 (CEV)

The Truth About Conflict

1. Your Conflict With _____ Has Nothing To Do With _____

You want something you don't have, and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill! But you still cannot get what you want, and you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons. James 4:2-3 (CEV)

2. Your Conflict With _____ Causes Your Conflict With _____

You people aren't faithful to God! Don't you know that if you love the world, you are God's enemies? And if you decide to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. James 4:4 (CEV)

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 1 John 2:15-16 (NLT)

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1. _____ To God

Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you. James 4:7 (CEV)

I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. Psalm 32:8 (TLB)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

2. _____ To God

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. James 4:8 (NLT)

So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Hebrews 10:22 (GNT)

3. _____ On God

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up in honor. James 4:10 (NLT)

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. 1 Peter 5:6 (NLT)

And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "He's a fiercely jealous lover." And what He gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble." James 4:5-6 (Message)