

“James: Authentic Christianity (9) – How Conflict Starts and How to End It”
(4:1-12)

Last week’s Message: 2 Types of Mindsets from 2 Distinct Sources
– _____ Wisdom and _____ Wisdom

Today: Conflict among Believers Originates from Earthly Wisdom...
James Confronted this Disgraceful Behavior, and Advised on Overcoming the
Conflict that Stunts Spiritual Growth and Maturity

I. The Fact of Conflict (4:1-5)

A. Cause of Conflict: War with Ourselves – _____ (4:1-2a;
Numbers 16); elsewhere...

Class Wars (2:1-9); Church Fights (1:19-20 and 3:13-18) and Personal Wars (4:11-12)...
Conflict is the Fruit of _____

B. Consequence of Conflict (4:2b-5): Prayers not Granted because of...

1. Selfish Desires and Covetousness (cf. John 14:14; 15:7)

2. _____ to the World and Rebellion Against God: 3 Enemies
of God

The _____ (v 4; cf. 1:27; 1 John 2:15–17 and Rom 12:2); the _____ (vv 1, 5)
and the _____ (v 7b)

II. Overcoming Conflict (4:6-12)

A. Turn Pride into _____ (4:6-7)

1. Submit to God in Humility, God Promises _____
to Resist and Expel the Powerful Enemy – the Devil

2. Submission in _____ leads to God’s Forgiveness, Peace and
Joy (4:8-10; cf. Psalms 32 and 51)

Pride Debases; but Humility leads to Intimacy with God and is _____ by God

B. Turn Judgment into _____ : Discernment, not Judgment (4:11-
12; cf. Matt 7:1–5)

A Mature Disciple does not Insist on his Rights,
but Trust in the _____

Conclusion (John 17:21): Avoid and Remedy Conflicts, and Fulfill our Calling to
Proclaim Jesus Christ (Phil 2:1-4)

Turn Self-Centeredness into Humility, and Judgment into Justice, so we can
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