



Conquering Conflict James 4:1–3

James 4:1–3 (ESV)

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

I. Look Within for the Cause

Verse 1 – What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

II. Look Around for the Course

- The Personal Impact

Verse 1 – “Your passions are at war within you”

- The Relational Impact

Verse 2 – “You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.”

- The Spiritual Impact

Verse 2, 3 – “...You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”



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III. Look Above for the Cure

Luke 9:23 (ESV)

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

- Less of Me

Philippians 2:3-5 (ESV)

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...”

- More of Jesus