

LESSON FOUR THE SOURCE OF CONFLICT



**“PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF
CONFLICT, BUT THE ABILITY TO
COPE WITH IT.”**



**CONFLICT IS
AN
INEVITABLE
PART OF
LIFE.**



THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE:



PEACE-FAKERS



PEACE-BREAKERS



PEACEMAKERS

JAMES 3:17-18

17But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

18And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

JAMES 4:1-10

- 1What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?
- 2You 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.
- 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.
- 4You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- 5Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?
- 6But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 8Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- 10Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**"FAILURE TO PLEASE GOD -
OUR FAILURE OR THE OTHER
PERSON'S OR BOTH -IS THE
ULTIMATE CAUSE OF ALL
RELATIONAL CONFLICT.
BANK ON IT: WHENEVER
THERE IS CONFLICT, ONE OR
BOTH PARTIES ARE NOT
PLEASING GOD."**

I. THE PROBLEMS AMONG US ARE ROOTED WITHIN US



FOUR CONFLICT BATTLES:

**1. UNFULFILLED
DESIRES**

**2. UNMASKED
PRAYERS**

**3. UNDERLYING
MOTIVES**

**4. UNMASKED
AFFECTIONS**

**WHEN WE HAVE A
GROWING FONDNESS
FOR THE WORLD, WE WILL
HAVE FRICTION WITH GOD.**



**“A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF
CHRISTIANS HAS COME UP
BELIEVING THAT IT IS POSSIBLE
TO ACCEPT CHRIST WITHOUT
FORSAKING THE WORLD.”**

A. W. TOZER



**A. GOD YEARNIS
FOR YOUR
HOLINESS.**

**B. GOD GIVES GRACE
TO THE HUMBLE.**



III. THE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR US MUST BE TAKEN BY US.





**A. SUBMIT TO
GOD.**

B. RESIST THE DEVIL.



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INEVITABLE PART
OF LIFE.**



**D. CLEANSE
YOUR HANDS.**

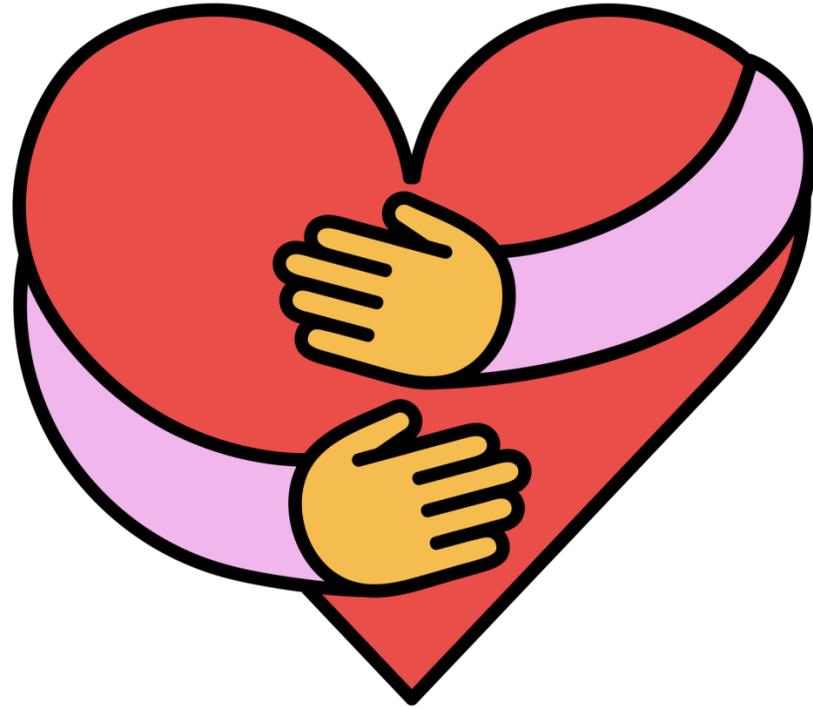


**E. PURIFY
YOUR HEARTS.**



F. EMBRACE BROKENNESS.





G. HUMBLE

YOURSELF.

Do not speak evil against one another,
brothers. The one who speaks against a
brother or judges his brother, speaks evil
against the law, and judges the law.

James 4:11

**SET A GUARD, O LORD,
OVER MY MOUTH;
KEEP WATCH OVER
THE DOOR OF MY LIPS.**

PSALM 141:3

**“THE TONGUE HAS
NO BONES, BUT IT
IS STRONG ENOUGH
TO BREAK A HEART.”**