



I CAN RESOLVE CONFLICTS, IF I...

B. KNOW THE _____ FOR CONFLICTS

"...God opposes the proud but shows grace to the humble. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded...."

It takes humility to resolve conflicts in our relationships.

What is grace? _____

1) **G** _____ **to God.** *"Submit yourself then to God."*

2) **G** _____ **to Satan.** *"Resist the devil..."*

"Resist" is _____


3) **G** _____ **to God.** *"Come near to God..."*

4) **Be Willing to Ask for** _____. *"Wash your hands..."*

WEEK SEVEN ICONNECT GROUPS: This week you will review how to have wisdom in your relationships and learn how to resolve conflicts with others.



WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD!



REAL FAITH

WEEK EIGHT "HOW TO BE WISE IN MY RELATIONSHIPS & RESOLVE CONFLICTS "

THEME SCRIPTURE: James 3:13-18 to 4:1-12

3:13 *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.*

14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

*17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 **Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.***

4:1 *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.*

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James 4:1-12 (Continued)

3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. 4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he causes to live in us envies intensely? 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. 11 **Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against their brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it. 12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you- who are you to judge your neighbor?**

Key verse is James 3:18 "Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."

What seeds are you sowing? (Jealously, anger, pride, peace, love, joy, kindness, etc.)

Lack of wisdom causes _____

The greatest problem is when we play God by _____

Judging others is:

- 1) **Un**_____ As brothers/sisters, we are in the same family.
- 2) **Un**_____ When I judge you, I break the Royal law.
- 3) **Un**_____ God is our only Judge.

The Bible says 7 times not to judge others. (Romans 2:1-3, Matthew 7:3-5, John 7:24, John 7:51, Col. 2:16, James 4:11 and 1 Corinthians 4:5)

The Bible does say we are to judge ourselves and certain matters. (1 Cor. 11:31, Luke 12:57, John 7:24, 1 Cor. 5:12-13, 1 Cor. 6:2-3 and 1 Cor. 14:29)

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A. KNOW THE _____ OF CONFLICTS

James 4:1-3 *"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from **your desires that battle within you**? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight.... When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

Three desires that can get perverted:

- 1) **To have P**_____ "You want something but..."
- 2) **To have P**_____ "...that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."
- 3) **To have P**_____ "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." "Humble yourself before the Lord..."

The solution is: _____.