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James 4:1-10

What Causes Arguments: _____

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Three Desires That Lead to Arguments & Conflict

1. The Desire _____

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2. The Desire _____

James 4:3 (NLT)

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Proverbs 13:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise.

Why Aren't Our Desires Fulfilled?

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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

James 4:4–6 (NLT)

⁴ You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. ⁵ Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. ⁶ And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

THE CURE FOR ARGUMENTS: _____

James 4:6 (NLT)

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James 4:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

HOW TO DEFUSE CONFLICT

1. _____

“Submit yourselves then to God...” (vs 7a)

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart” Colossians 3:14

2. _____

“Resist the devil. And he will flee from you” (vs 7b)

“In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes” 2 Corinthians 2:11

3. _____

“Come near to God and He will come near to you” (vs 8a)

“He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord” Isaiah 26:3

4. _____

“Wash your hands ... purify your hearts...” (vs 8a)

“Let there be tears for the wrong you’ve done (s 9 LB)

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ” Philippians 2:3-5