



Series Life Tools

Passage James 4:1-12

Title Tools For Healthy Conflict

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- **Discussion Starter:** What was your biggest takeaway tool on how to have healthy conflicts in relationships from the past Sunday's message?

The Root Cause of Conflict in Relationships: Our Selfishness (James 4:1-4)

- In the first two verses of James 4, James reveals that source of our conflict in relationships come from within. What value is there in realizing this truth that sin is an inside job? Why is it generally so hard for us to do?
- James 4:2c states that: "We do not have because we do not ask". In what way are we being selfish when we do not ask?

Humbling Ourselves (James 4:7-10)

- In your own words, explain or paraphrase what James is conveying in verses 7-9?
- In what way do the verses in James 4:7-9 relate to our humility?

When Facing Conflict – Avoid ATTACK Mode (James 4:11-12)

- From the message this past Sunday we learned that there are generally three ways that we are prone to attack one another. 1> Evil Words 2> Siege Warfare 3>Black Hearts. Of the three attacks, which do you feel is the hardest to deal with in your conflicts and why?

Jesus Uses Conflict to Benefit Both Parties (James 1:19-20)

- According to Stephen Covey, the author of [The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People], "When faced with conflict, most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply." Compare and contrast this statement to what James teaches us in James 1:19-20. What are the similarities what are the differences?