

THE CAUSE OF YOUR CONFLICT

FUTURE FAMILY, PART 3

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James 4:1-3

- When we win an argument with a family member, we don't win anything.

How do we typically handle conflict?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- Blaming never accomplishes anything.
- "Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket."

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James 4:1

- **The source of your conflicts is something** _____
_____.

"Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?"

- **Every time a conflict comes up, there is something** _____
_____.

You desire but do not have... James 4:2

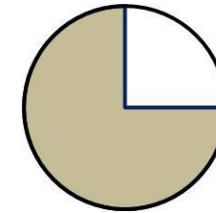
- **In your desire to get what you want from them, you have the potential to** _____ **another person.**

You desire but do not have so you kill. James 4:2

You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. James 4:2

The key to understanding conflict:
"I'm not getting what I want."

Question to ask: What part of the problem is mine?
(i.e. What slice of the pie?)



- If you own a slice you have to be nice."

You do not have, because you do not ask God. James 4:3

- Have you taken this to God?
- Have you spent any time getting to the root of what it really is that you want?

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:3

- It may be God's will to not give us something that will lead us down a harmful path.
- We need to learn to take no for an answer.

Application Question:

Who in your family is suffering because you're not getting your way?

What could you do today, to take the pressure off?