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Conflict of Interests

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What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You 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.

1. Internal Conflict in the _____: (1)

- a. James' question: What is the _____ of our conflict?
- b. James' answer: A _____ of our desires within:
 - i. The source of our conflict is not _____. –*Matt 5:28; 12:33-34; 15:17-20; Luke 6:45*
 - ii. The source of our conflict is in our _____:
 1. I want something _____. –*Josh. 7:19-21; Numbers 20:2-13*
 2. I want something _____. –*Gen 16:1-5; Matt. 16:22-23*
 3. I do not want what I _____. –*1 Sam 15:24; John 9:20-23*

2. External Conflict with _____: (2)

- a. From desire to _____:
 - i. Things are _____ than you think. –*Matt 5:21-22*
 - ii. Two examples. –*Ps 55:21; Prov 12:18*
- b. From coveting to _____:
 - i. Things are _____ than you think. –*Matt 5:27-30*
 - ii. Two examples. –*Rom 12:19; Prov 16:14; 19:12*

3. Winning the Conflict _____:

- a. Stop _____ - _____. –*Gen 3:12; 1 Sam 15:20-21*
- b. _____ the root desire or fear. –*Prov 20:5; Heb 4:12*
- c. _____ and _____ to the LORD. –*2 Cor 7:10-11; Jam 4:3-10*
- d. _____ and _____ to the others. –*Matt 5:23-24; Jam 5:16*

Next Week: James 4:3-6

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