

Quit Fighting Traction- Part 8

James 4:1-10

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"Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out." Proverbs 17:14

"Anyone who loves to quarrel loves sin..." Proverbs 17:19

"Fools' words get them in constant quarrels; they are asking for a beating." Proverbs 18:6

"Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling." Proverbs 20:3

"Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops." Proverbs 26:20

"A quarrelsome person starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood" Proverbs 26:21

To Conquer Quarreling and Fighting In Your Life And Church...

1. REALIZE THE CULPRIT IN THE PROBLEM.

"Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?" James 4:1

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?" James 4:1 (New Living Translation)

➤ **My unhealthy desire is to have. (possessions)**

"You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war." James 4:2

➤ **My unhealthy desire is to feel. (pleasure)**

"...Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members... You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:1, 3

➤ **My unhealthy desire to be. (pride)**

"Pride leads to arguments." Proverbs 13:10

2. PERSONALIZE THE COST OF THE PROBLEM.

"Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, 'The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously'?" James 4:4-5

3. UTILIZE THE CURE OF THE PROBLEM.

➤ **Be available to God.**

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

➤ **Be close to God.**

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:8

➤ **Be humble before God.**

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:10