

Introduction

- I. What is the source of wars and fightings among you?
- II. This question is important for examining the logs in our own eyes and lives.

Peacemakers: (3) Understanding the Source of Conflict

I. The Competing Desires

- A. The Holy Spirit grabs our attention with the question of the text: from whence come wars and fightings among you? Without knowing James 4, what would you say?
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 2. What does it mean that we have competing desires?
 3. There are two kinds of desires that we have: good and evil.
 4. What does this have to do with conflict and anger?
- B. James identifies the source as your lusts that war in your members: competing desires.
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II. The Necessary Knowledge

- A. God speaks to us in our anger, fighting, and conflicts exposing the idols of our hearts.
- B. God speaks to us in our anger, fighting, and conflicts exposing our wrong views of Him.

III. The Right Response

- A. God calls us to examine ourselves and repent.
- B. Let us worship, fear, trust, and love the God of our salvation.