

A FAITH THAT REDUCES QUARRELING

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Definition: Quarrel – “A heated argument, typically about a trivial issue, between people who are usually on good terms.”

“What causes quarrels and arguments with each other? They come from the conflicting selfish desires that are always fighting inside you. You want things you don't have so you're ready to kill to get them! And you covet what others have but you can't get it, so you quarrel and get in fights. But you don't have, because you don't ask God for it. And if you ask, you don't receive it because you ask with the wrong motivation – you only want what gives you pleasure. You cheat on God when you have an affair with what the world values. To love what the world loves is to hate God and to be the enemy of God! This is what the Scripture means when it says that God's Spirit who lives inside us is intensely jealous. He wants our exclusive love. That's why he gives us so much grace! As Scripture says, 'God opposes the prideful but gives his grace to the humble.' So, give yourselves completely to God! Then resist the devil, and he'll flee from you. If you draw close to God, he will draw close to you. Wash your hands of your sins, and purify your heart of your double-minded living. Be sad and sorry and grieve over your actions. Stop laughing at your sin and get serious about it. If you humble yourself before the Lord, he will lift you up!” - James 4:1-10

WHAT CAUSES QUARRELS?**Conflicting desires _____ me**

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“Our sinful desires want what is opposite of God's Spirit, and God's Spirit wants what is contrary to our sinful desires. So the two are constantly fighting each other, so you cannot just do whatever you please.” - Galatians 5:17

WHAT WILL HELP ME QUARREL LESS?**1. REALIZE HOW DESTRUCTIVE QUARRELING IS**

“Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives!” - Ephesians 4:31 (LB)

Quarreling is a Mark of _____:

“You are still only baby Christians, controlled by your own desires, not God's. When you are jealous and divide into quarreling groups, doesn't that prove you are still babies, wanting your own way? In fact, you are acting like people who don't belong to the Lord at all!” - 1 Corinthians 3:3 (LB)

“The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left.” - Proverbs 11:29 (LB)

2. DECIDE I WANT TO CHANGE AND ASK FORGIVENESS

“Wash your hands of your sins, and purify your heart of your double-minded living. Be sad and sorry and grieve over your actions. Stop laughing at your sin and get serious about it.” - James 4:8-9

3. STOP EXPECTING _____ TO FULFILL NEEDS IN MY LIFE THAT ONLY GOD CAN FULFILL

“You don't have, BECAUSE you don't ask God for it. And if you ask, you don't receive it because you ask with the wrong motivation . . .” - James 4:2-3

“You cheat on God when you have an affair with what the world values. To love what the world loves is to hate God and to be the enemy of God! This is what the Scripture means when it says that God's Spirit who lives inside us is intensely jealous. He wants our faithful love. That's why he gives us so much grace!” - James 4:4-6

4. CHOOSE HUMILITY OVER PRIDEFUL ANGER

“Pride only leads to quarrels.” - Proverbs 13:10

“As Scripture says, 'God opposes the prideful but gives his grace to the humble.' So, give yourselves completely to God!” - James 4:6-7

“If you humble yourself before the Lord, he will lift you up!” - James 4:10

5. RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE _____ ALL CONFLICT

“Anger gives a mighty foothold to the devil.” - Ephesians 4:27 (NLT)

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” - James 4:7b (NLT)

“We are very aware of Satan's schemes so that he doesn't outwit us.” - 2 Corinthians 2:11

“Get rid of all bitterness and angry rage. Never shout harsh words, insults, cursing, or any other type of rude or hurtful talk.” - Ephesians 4:31

6. TALK TO GOD SILENTLY DURING THE QUARREL

“If you draw close to God, he will draw close to you.” - James 4:8

7. INVITE JESUS TO _____ MY THOUGHTS AND WORDS

“Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because as members of Christ's body, you are called to live in peace.” - Colossians 3:15

1.inside 2. Immaturity 3. other people 4. behind 5. manage

減少爭拗的信心

在人生困境中活出真信心—第二十一部

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定義：爭拗—「一場激烈的爭論，通常是兩個一向關係良好的人為了小事而起。」

“是甚麼導致你們之間的衝突和爭吵？就是來自你內心一直交戰著的私慾。你想得到自己沒有的東西，就不惜殺人來得到！你也妒忌別人所擁有的，卻又得不著，於是就與人爭執、衝突。但你得不著，是因為你沒有向上帝祈求；如果你祈求卻得不著，是因為你懷著錯誤的動機去求，你只想得到那令你歡愉的東西。當你戀慕這世界所重視的，就是背叛上帝。愛這世界所愛的，就是恨上帝，與上帝為敵！這就是聖經的意思，它說住在我們裏面的聖靈嫉惡如仇，他想要我們專一的愛。因此，他會賜我們這麼多恩典！正如聖經所說：「上帝抵擋驕傲的人，卻賜恩給謙卑的人。」所以，要把自己全然交託給上帝！並要抵擋魔鬼，他就必逃離你們。你們親近上帝，他就會親近你們。要洗淨你手中一切的罪，並潔淨你的心，不再三心兩意。要為自己的行為而憂傷痛悔，也別再為自己的罪而嬉笑，要認真對待。如果你在主人面前謙卑自己，他就要提升你！” - 雅各書 4:1-10 (意譯)

是甚麼引起爭拗？

我一直交戰著的私慾

“是甚麼導致你們之間的衝突和爭吵？就是來自你內心一直交戰著的私慾。” - 雅各書 4:1 (意譯)

“因為肉體所相望的與聖靈對立，聖靈所相望的也與肉體對立，其實這兩者彼此敵對，不讓你們做自己所願意做的事。” - 加拉太書 5:17 (新漢語譯本)

怎樣才能讓我減少爭拗？

1. 認清爭拗的破壞力

“爭吵、苛刻的話，還有討厭別人，不應在你生命中留有餘地！” - 以弗所書 4:31 (Living Bible意譯)

爭拗是靈命的象徵：

“你們還只是基督徒嬰孩，被自己的慾望而非上帝的想望所控制。當你妒忌和彼此紛爭的時候，不就證明了你們仍然是嬰孩，只想滿足自己嗎？事實上，你表現得像那根本不屬於主的人！” - 哥林多前書 3:3 (LB意譯)

“激起家人憤怒和怨恨的愚昧人，最終將一無所有。” - 箴言 11:29 (LB意譯)

2. 決定我要改變，並懇求得到寬恕

“要洗淨你手中一切的罪，並潔淨你的心，不再三心兩意。要為自己的行為而憂傷痛悔，也別再為自己的罪而嬉笑，要認真對待。” - 雅各書 4:8-9 (意譯)

3. 不要指望來滿足我們生命中只有上帝才能滿足的需要

“但你得不著，是因為你沒有向上帝祈求；如果你祈求卻得不著，是因為你懷著錯誤的動機去求…” - 雅各書 4:2-3 (意譯)

“當你戀慕這世界所重視的，就是背叛上帝。愛這世界所愛的，就是恨上帝，與上帝為敵！這就是聖經的意思，它說住在我們裏面的聖靈嫉惡如仇，他想要我們專一的愛。因此，他會賜我們這麼多恩典！” - 雅各書 4:4-6 (意譯)

4. 選擇謙卑，而非驕傲的憤怒

“驕傲自大引發爭端。” - 箴言 13:10 (新普及譯本)

“正如聖經所說：「上帝抵擋驕傲的人，卻賜恩給謙卑的人。」所以，要把自己全然交託給上帝！” - 雅各書 4:6-7 (意譯)

“如果你在主人面前謙卑自己，他就要提升你！” - 雅各書 4:10 (意譯)

5. 認清所有衝突的根源

“怒氣讓魔鬼有穩妥的據點。” - 以弗所書 4:27 (NLT意譯)

“要抵擋魔鬼，他就必逃離你們。” - 雅各書 4:7b (NLT意譯)

“我們很清楚撒但的陰謀，所以他瞞不過我們。” - 哥林多後書 2:11 (意譯)

“除掉一切的苦毒、狂怒、憤怒，千萬不要惡言相向、侮辱、咒罵，或說出任何無禮或傷人的話。” - 以弗所書 4:31 (意譯)

6. 爭拗時要默默地跟上帝對話

“你們親近上帝，他就會親近你們。” - 雅各書 4:8 (意譯)

7. 邀請耶穌來我的思想和言語

“讓基督所賜的平安掌管你的思想，因為作為基督身體的一份子，你們是蒙召去和睦共處。” - 歌羅西書 3:15 (意譯)

1. 內心 2. 不成熟 3. 別人 4. 背後 5. 管理