

## Outline

Daniel 11:32 (NASB)

James 3:13-18 (NASB)

James 4:1-12 (NASB)

## Outline (continued)

Intro:

### I. Causes of Fighting

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ - James 3:14; 4:1-4  
Coveting Greed Desires Pleasures

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James 4:1-4 (NASB) <sup>1</sup> What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? <sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ James 3:14; 4:1-4,6

James 3:14 (NASB) <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

James 4:6 (NASB) <sup>6</sup> But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

C. \_\_\_\_\_ James 3:14-15; 4:8

James 4:8 (NASB) <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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D. \_\_\_\_\_ James 3:16; 4:6,11-12

James 3:16 (NASB) <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

James 4:11-12 (NASB) <sup>11</sup> Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.

<sup>12</sup> There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

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### II. Cures For Fighting

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ James 4:7a,8a

James 4:7a,8a (NASB) <sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God.... <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ James 4:6-7a

James 4:6-8 (NASB) <sup>6</sup> But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." <sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God....

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C. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ James 4:7b

James 4:7 (NASB) <sup>7</sup> ... Resist the devil and he will flee from you.  
Ephesians 4:25-27

D. Cleanse \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ REPENT = CHANGE James 4:8b,1-4

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### Conclusion:

Results of \_\_\_\_\_ (Putting Off) and also practicing \_\_\_\_\_ (Putting On)

James 3:17-18 (NASB) <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

<sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Romans 12:18 (NASB) <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NASB) <sup>16</sup> There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

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Proverbs 10:12 (NASB) <sup>12</sup> Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.

Proverbs 20:3 (NASB) <sup>3</sup> Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, But any fool will quarrel.

Proverbs 22:10 (NASB) <sup>10</sup> Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out, Even strife and dishonor will cease.

Proverbs 26:20-22 (NASB) <sup>20</sup> For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down. <sup>21</sup> Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. <sup>22</sup> The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body.

Proverbs 28:25 (NASB) <sup>25</sup> An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.

Proverbs 29:22 (NASB) <sup>22</sup> An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.



Message Slides

A floating island with a castle and town, set against a cosmic, starry sky. The island is illuminated from below, and the sky is filled with vibrant green and blue nebulae and stars.

# DANIEL

A Kingdom Worth Living For



# Wars, Fighting, and Strife... Oh My!

Daniel 11:32; James 3:13-18 (NASB)

32 "By smooth *words* he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

Daniel 11:32 (NASB)

# I. Causes of Fighting

Toxic People, High Maintenance,  
EGR (Extra Grace Required),  
Draining People, Push My  
Buttons Type of People

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James 4:6 (NASB)

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A. Needy & Fearful

B. Narcissistic Selfishness

C. Twisted Perspective

**14** But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

**James 3:14-15 (NASB)**

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James 4:8 (NASB)



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I. Causes of Fighting

II. Cures for Fighting

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## Questions

1. Are you a fighter or avoid controversy? Are you a talker or a listener? Are you argumentative or peace-maker?
2. Do you believe in a "just war?"
3. In the wars that were taking place in Daniel 11, what was God's involvement in the wars and what was Satan's involvement in the wars? What place did the description of James 4:1-12 dealing with wars and fighting have to illuminate the place of man's sinful nature in the wars of Daniel 11 and even today?
4. Read Ephesians 4:25-27 (NASB) <sup>25</sup> "Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE** of you **WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> **BE ANGRY, AND** yet **DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil an opportunity." Some translations say "foothold" for the word opportunity in verse 27. The Greek word is "topos" which means place. How does unresolved anger in our life give the devil a 'foothold' into our lives? How does this relate to fighting and strife?

## Questions (continued)

5. Do you believe that contention and strife are increasing in these days or that society as a whole seems to be getting along better with one another?
6. Pastor Randy had four 'causes' of fighting taken from James 3:13-18 and James 4:1-12: Needy & Fearful / Narcissistic Selfishness / Twisted Perspective / Demanding Perfectionism. Which of these four do you come into contact with most? With least? Which one(s) do you personally struggle with?
7. The sermon had also four 'cures' for fighting: Drawing Near to God / Humbling Yourself before God / Resisting the Devil / Cleansing Heart and Mind. Of these four 'positive' practices which is most challenging for you? Which seems to be easier for you?

## Questions (continued)

8. Does "peace" as part of the fruits of the Holy Spirit deal with only inner peace and tranquility or also social peace which would entail relationships between people and groups?
9. How does the wisdom of the world differ from the wisdom of God as described in 1 Corinthians 1:18-31? How does this Corinthian passage support the Scriptures of today's message in James 4:13-18?
10. What can you do to begin to bring more 'peace' into the world and less 'strife' into the world?