

## **Deformed Desires (James 4:1-12)**

Conflict is unavoidable...  
So how might I treat it?

What does Dr. James do?

Not content just to treat the s\_\_\_\_\_

Probing below the surface

### **The diagnosis: v.1-4**

What's the cause of your last quarrel?

Dr. James' answer (v.1b)

What he is not saying

When our desires harden into a need

Look what happens when your desires are frustrated (v.2)!

The underlying problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
Different symptoms (v.2-3)

Spiritual adultery (v.4)

### **The treatment plan: v.5-12**

*5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? (James 4:5, NIV2011)*

Jealous for you! But not like some insecure, vengeful husband

He is the God who moves towards us

"He gives us more grace" (v.6)

For the repentant

A God who invites us to move towards him (v.7-10)

How you treat others (v.11-12)

Don't give up in fighting sin!