

### **Why You Fight-James 4:1-3, James 1:17**

<sup>1</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

<sup>2</sup>You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. By the way... You do not have, because you do not ask God.

<sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

#### **Teaching points...**

Your external conflict are caused by an internal conflict.

The moment I 'own up' to my part in a disagreement, I lose my leverage...good!

I get mad, depressed, or angry when...I don't get my way.

'Self' is a monster that has an appetite that can't be satisfied. Kill the monster!

God is the source.

God reserves the right to say... 'no, no, no.'

When you admit that you're mad because you didn't get your way, learn that God is the source, and learn to take 'no' for an answer, you place yourself under the authority of Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life. Then you will have peace.