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A Biblical View of Conflict

Psalms 37:1-11

I. Primary Causes for Conflicts

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ communication (Josh. 22:10-34)

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in values, goals, interests, priorities, expectations, opinions, etc (Acts 15:39; 1 Cor.12:12-31).

C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over limited resources

D. Our sinful, selfish attitudes attempt to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of events so we can get what we want. (1 Jn. 1:8)

II. Positive and Negative Views of Conflict

A. Positive

1. Conflict does not have to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created all of us with diversity (1 Cor. 12:21-31).

3. We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to accept each other with our God given diversity (Eph. 4:1-16; Rom. 15:7; 14:1-13).

B. Negative

1. James clearly addresses where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our conflict come from; ME (Jas. 4:1-2).

2. Our sin nature will seek a way to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the conflict.

3. We must pursue our conflicts with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peacemaking responses.

4. We should never view conflict as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Conflict is an opportunity to:

a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our love for God (Mk. 12:30-31).

b. See the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God at work (Phil. 4:13).

c. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God (1 Cor. 10:31:-11:1).

d. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ near to God (Jas. 4:6).