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# **THE TWO FIRES OF CONFLICT**

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## Galatians 5:16-17

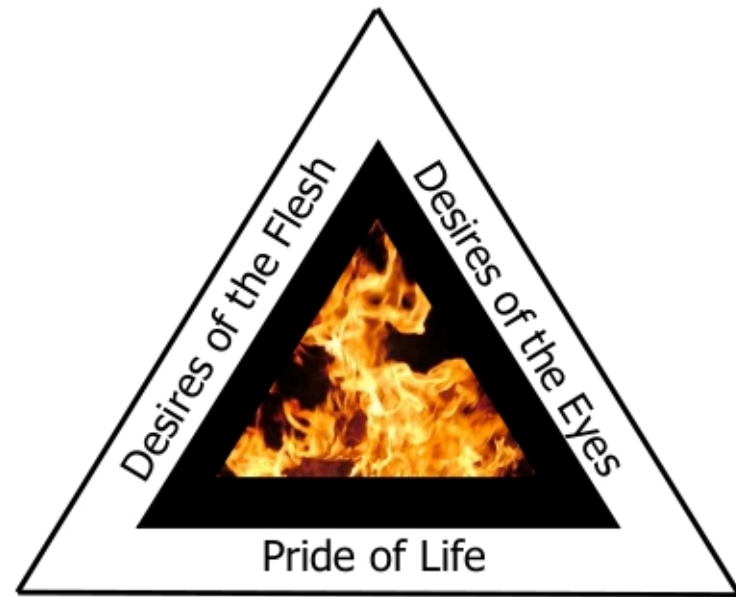


So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. Galatians 5:16-17

## 1 John 2:15-16



Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father (the Father's love) is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:15-16



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## James 3:13-18



Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy (contentious rivalry) and selfish ambition (a partisan/fractious spirit) in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. . . .

## James 3:13-18



Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. . . .

## James 3:13-18



But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:13-18

## James 4:1-4



What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill (murder = anger/Matthew 5:21-22). You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. . . .



## James 4:1-4



You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? . . .

# James 4:1-4



Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. James 4:1-4



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