



## The Cure

### James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

White Lie: The best way to strengthen a broken relationship is to focus on it.

God's Prescription: We need to humble ourselves and God will heal our relationships.

### Steps to Diffuse Conflict

#### A. Give \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

#### Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

- Submission requires a higher view of \_\_\_\_\_ than of \_\_\_\_\_.
- We submit to God by obeying the \_\_\_\_\_ of God found in scripture.
- We place ourselves into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ when we have areas in our life that are out of step with God.

#### B. Get \_\_\_\_\_ with Satan.

#### Ephesians 6:16-18

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

- To resist the enemy, we must have an "it is \_\_\_\_\_" for each "I know I \_\_\_\_\_."
- To resist the enemy, we must cut off his \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. Get \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

- We can draw near to God through \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and accountability.

Crave God's presence more than the pleasures of the world.

#### D. Get \_\_\_\_\_ with others.

#### Matthew 5:23-25

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison.

#### E. Get God's perspective on \_\_\_\_\_.