

Conflict is an inevitable and unavoidable part of life and work.



Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed,

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that they became very angry, and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. NEHEMIAH 4:7-8



Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."

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And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease."



So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, "From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us."

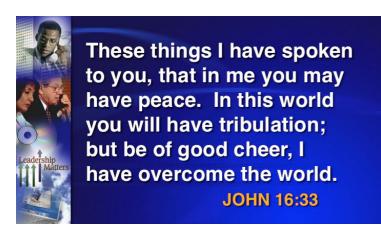
NEHEMIAH 4:10-12

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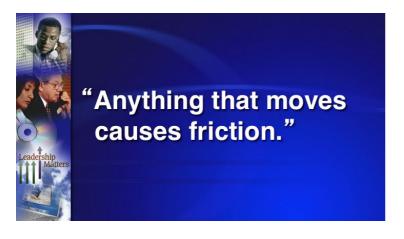




## **Conflict Surrounds Us Everyday:**

- Schedule Conflicts
- Personality Conflicts
- Financial Conflicts
- Marital Conflicts
- Organizational Conflicts
- Philosophical Conflicts

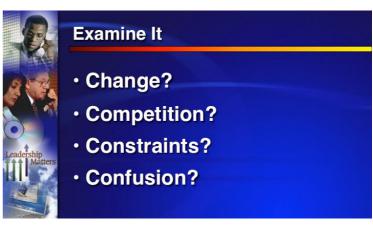
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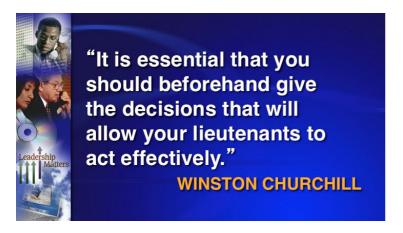


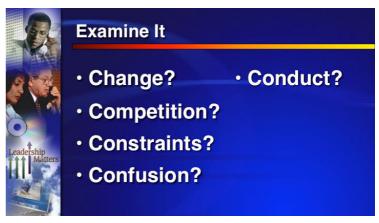
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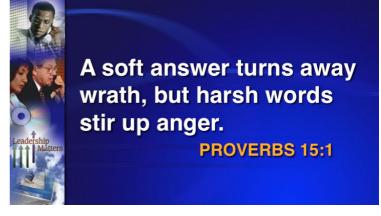
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A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. PROVERBS 15:4



## **Examine It**

- Change?
- Conduct?
- Competition? · Conceit?
- Constraints?
- Confusion?

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What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it the whole army of evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it.



You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it, so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it.

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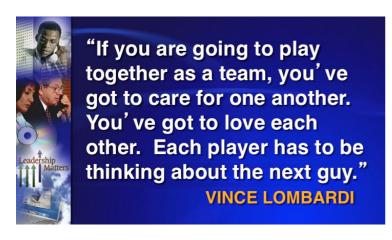
And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong--you want only what will give you **JAMES 4:1-3** pleasure.

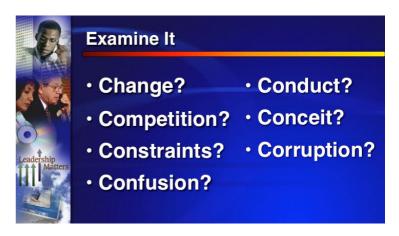


By pride comes only contention ....

PROVERBS 13:10

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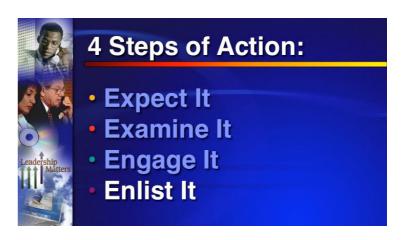
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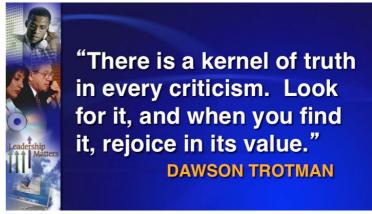
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