

# The Peacemaker

## *A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*

### *Lesson #6 “Conflicts Starts in the Heart”*

Read Chapter Five and answer the following questions from pages 100-116.

**James 4:1** Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

- 1) When does a desire begin to control us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) When people disappoint us what are the two ways we can respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) How does an idol go from a desire to a demand?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What is the meaning of an idol?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What problem do we run into when trying to identify an idol in our hearts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What happens when idolatrous demands are not met?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What stood out to you of the David Powlison quote on Pages 106-107?

- 8) When do we cross the line from being discerning to sinfully judging?
- 9) “Instead of giving \_\_\_\_\_ room for independence, disagreement, or \_\_\_\_\_, we rigidly \_\_\_\_\_ our expectations on them. In effect, we \_\_\_\_\_ them to give allegiance to \_\_\_\_\_ idols.”
- 10) What happens when people fail to satisfy our demands and expectations?
- 11) What are some of the ways we hurt people by withdrawing from them?
- 12) What does **James 4:1-3** teach us about why we punish others?
- 13) What is the cure for an idolatrous heart?
- 14) What are the three means of grace God uses to help us identify our specific idols?
- 15) What happens when we are not satisfied in God alone?
- 16) What are the five steps to squeezing out idolatry in our hearts?