

# a higher LOVE

**Owens Mistakes**

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*"Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'"*

Luke 12:13-15 NIV

## **Because of higher love, conflict can be my teacher in 3D:**

### **I. CONFLICT TEACHES ME MY NEED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND HIS \_\_\_\_\_ (THE VERTICAL DIMENSION).**

*"Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher...'"*

Luke 12:13a

#### **1<sup>st</sup> G - Glorify God**

**Question: How can I please and honor God in this situation?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Him
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

### **II. CONFLICT TEACHES ME THE CONDITION OF MY \_\_\_\_\_ (THE INTERNAL DIMENSION).**

*"Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."*

Luke 12:13b

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> G - Get the Log Out of Your Eye**

**Question: How can I show Jesus' work in me by taking  
responsibility for my contribution to this conflict?**

*"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.'" Matt 7:3-5 NIV*

*"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?"*

James 4:1 NIV

### **Progression of an Idol:**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_
2. I Demand
3. I \_\_\_\_\_
4. I Punish

**Search for heart idols by asking x-ray questions:**

### **Cure for an idolatrous heart:**

1 John 1:9

Acts 3:19

Psalm 37:4

### **III. CONFLICT TEACHES ME THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE OTHER PERSON (THE HORIZONTAL DIMENSION).**

*"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard. ....' "* Luke 12:15a

### **3<sup>rd</sup> G - Gently Restore**

**Question: How can I lovingly serve others by helping them take responsibility for their contribution to this conflict?**

### **The Replacement Principle:**

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."*

Phil. 4:8 NIV