



Changing the Culture

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## James 3:16

“For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.”



## 1 Corinthians 14:33

“For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.”



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5. The **Gospel** exposes sin, calls out corruption, and cleanses a culture!

