

The Epistle of **JAMES**



*Quarrels &
Conflicts*
James 4:1-12

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Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they
shall be called sons of
God. (Matthew 5:9).

James 3:18

And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**Literal
Translation**

*The fruit of righteousness is
sown in peace by those who
are making peace*

James 4:1

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

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How do pleasures wage war in your members?

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What is the opposite of making pleasure a priority?

James 4:2

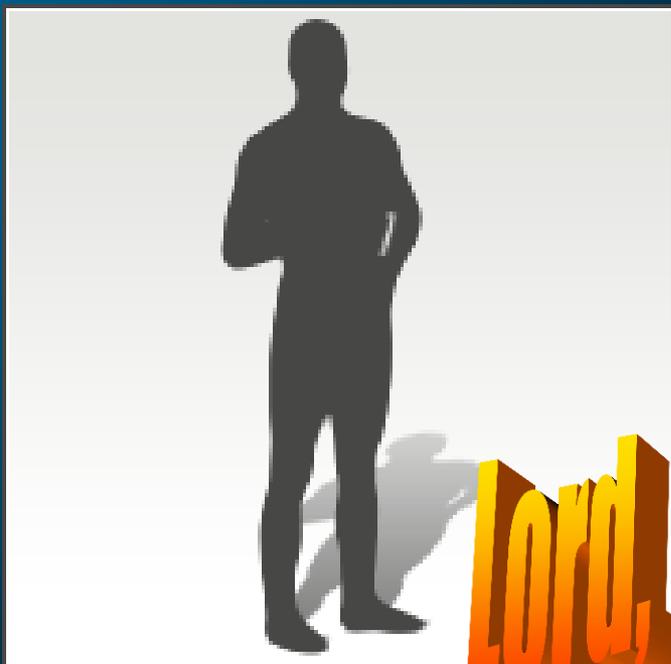
You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:3

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

**Lord, change my
circumstances**





Lord, change me!

James 4:4

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

For your husband is your Maker,
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;
And your Redeemer is the Holy
One of Israel,
Who is called the God of all the
earth. (Isaiah 54:5).

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. ³ But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2-3).

James 4:5

Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?

James 4:6

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

For though the LORD is exalted,
Yet He regards the lowly;
But the haughty He knows from
afar. (Psalm 138:6).

Though He scoffs at the
scoffers,
Yet He gives grace to the
afflicted (Proverbs 3:34).

For thus says the high and exalted
One Who lives forever, whose
name is Holy, “I dwell on a high
and holy place, and also with the
contrite and lowly of spirit In order
to revive the spirit of the lowly and
to revive the heart of the contrite.”
(Isaiah 57:15).

Ten Imperatives

- Submit therefore to God (4:7).
- Resist the devil (4:7).
- Draw near to God (4:8).
- Cleanse your hands (4:8).
- Purify your hearts (4:8).
- Be miserable (4:9).

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- Mourn (4:9).
- Weep (4:9).
- Let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom (4:9).
- Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord (4:10).

Problem

Solution

Quarrels and conflicts from focusing on your pleasures (4:1)

Submit therefore to God, resist the devil, draw near to God (4:8).

Spiritual murder (4:2).

Cleanse your hands (4:8).

Problems in prayer (4:3).

Purify your hearts (4:8).

Spiritual adultery (4:4-5).

Be miserable, mourn and weep (4:9).

Problem

God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble (4:6).

Solution

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord (4:10).

James 4:7

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.



How do you resist the devil?

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you **double-minded.**

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(dipsuchos)

James 4:9-10

Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰ **Humble yourselves** in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

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Aorist passive
imperative plural
of tapeino,
“Be _whumbled”

Verses 7-10

Looks at the believer's relationship with God

Positive commands given in the aorist tense

(Do this now!)

Verses 11-12

Looks at the believer's relationship with other men

Negative command given in the present tense

(Stop doing that!)

James 4:11-12

Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.¹² There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

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