

JAMES 4:1-10

The _____ Of Arguments: Evil Desires

4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?

2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

The Desire To Have: _____

2 You want what you don't have... You are jealous of what others have,...

The Desire To Feel: _____

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1 Timothy 6:17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

The Desire To Be: _____

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Proverbs 13:10 Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise.

These Desires Come From Two Areas

Wrong _____

_____ Motives

The _____ In Arguments: Spiritual

4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

5 Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.

The _____ For Arguments: Humility

6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

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Colossians 3:15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

_____ Wise To Satan

7 ...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2 Corinthians 2:11 so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

_____ Closer To God

8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you....

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

_____ Ask Forgiveness

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Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.