



Quarrels and Conflicts and Repentance

James 4:1 - 10
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1. James confronts the problem

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

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.

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

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.

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"?

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

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

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

9 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.

2. The root cause and its consequences

3. The really good news

4. Direction for the sinning to be restored to the Lord

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Koinonia Groups at Heritage Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their discussion, please see Pastor Vaughn or e-mail Vaughn@hcgj.org.

1. Why do you think that the epistle of James, although written two millennia ago, feels as though it was written to Christians and churches today?
2. In what ways does feuding among believers in the local church cause harm?
3. How had the quarreling Christians in the churches James originally wrote to reversed the demand of Philippians 2:3
4. How does unrepentant sin affect the believer's prayer life?
5. According to James, what was the root cause of the fighting between believers in the churches to whom he wrote?
6. What is "friendship with the world," and why is it so dangerous for the Christian?
7. Why did James call the guilty he addressed "adulteresses"?
8. What does a lived out repentance on the part of the believer look like?

Here are some resources that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Vaughn cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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