

THE LETTER OF



JAMES

FAITH



WORKS

James 4:1-12

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?

Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet 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 wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴

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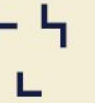
enemy of God.⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, 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.



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⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. ¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?





Diagnosing The Problem

vs. 1-2a

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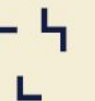
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The Solution

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