

WORLD WARS!

James 4:1-10

Greed - a disordered desire for more than is decent or deserved, not for the greater good but for one's own selfish interest, and at the detriment of others and society at large. Greed can be for anything, but is most commonly for food, money, possessions, power, fame, status, attention, admiration, and sex. – Psychology Today

(1 Timothy 6:6) Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

(v.1-3)

Desires – *hedone* – name for Greek goddess of lust, sensual pleasure (delight).

hedonism – the pursuit of pleasure, sensual self-indulgence.

Amiss – kakos: wrongly, diseased, grievously.

Ultimate purpose of prayer is to accomplish God's will.

Our Father Who are in heaven, hallowed (holy) be Your Name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

If we will have God's "best," our "ask," (our prayer), must possess a "nevertheless!"

A discontent disciple has faith without a "nevertheless!"

"God wants me to be holy!" Therefore, He will give me what I need, not what I want!"

(Psalm 37:4) Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Delight – anag: to be soft, delicate and dainty.

Get what you need, Jesus, and you will have what you really want!

(Psalm 84:11-12) For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

(v.4-5)

(Deuteronomy 4:24) For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

In verse 5, 6 – God's "inexhaustible grace!"

"Don't be so arrogant to think God can't work through your failures." - Jesus Revolution

Resist – antitasso: to arrange in battle formation against.

(v.7-10)

SUBMISSION – (v.7)

“Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon their knees.” William Cowper

DRAW NEAR - (v.8a)

CLEANSE YOUR HANDS – (v.8b)

(Isaiah 1:15) When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

PURIFY YOUR HEARTS – (v.8c)

(Proverbs 14:26-27) In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

(v.9, 10) Signs of True Repentance.

(2 Corinthians 7:10-11) For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

In 2 Corinthians 7 - “Seven Fruits” of godly repentance.

(1) Diligence.

(2) Clearing of yourselves.

(3) Indignation.

(4) Fear.

(5) Vehement Desire.

(6) Zeal.

(7) Vindication.

(v.10) “Humility” is the true posture of repentance!

CONCLUSION:

(Matthew 11:28-30) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."