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James 4:1-10 (CSB)
 1 What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don't they come from your passions that wage war within you?
 2 You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have because you do not ask.

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James 4:1-10 (CSB)
 3 You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

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James 4:1-10 (CSB)

⁴You adulterous people! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God.



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James 4:1-10 (CSB)

⁵Or do you think it's without reason that the Scripture says: The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely?
⁶But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: ***God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.***



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James 4:1-10 (CSB)

⁷Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



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James 4:1-10 (CSB)

⁹ Be miserable 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.



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James' primary concern is that the
church is not living out the very
faith they claim to follow.



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1) The “world” represents a system of beliefs, morals, and values that change with the times and run contrary to God’s eternal Word.



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James 4:4 (CSB)
You *adulterous* people!...



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James 4:4 (CSB)
...Don't you know that *friendship with the world* is hostility toward God?...



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Romans 1:26-27 (CSB)

²⁶ For this reason God delivered them over to disgraceful passions. Their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.



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Romans 1:26-27 (CSB)

²⁷ The men in the same way also left natural relations with women and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error.



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“We do not hate, but nor do we affirm. We cannot hate because of God’s Word, and we cannot affirm because of God’s Word. And we have to be prepared to say that we are unprepared to re-write the Bible in order to accommodate a society that needs the Bible, and who needs the Jesus who is the focus of the Bible.”

~ Alistair Begg



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James 4:4 (CSB)

...So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the **enemy of God**.



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If your morals and values are formed by social media influencers or the political party you identify with more than they are formed by the Word of God, then you have elevated your friendship with the world over your friendship with God.



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James 4:5 (CSB)

⁵ Or do you think it's without reason that the Scripture says: The spirit he made to dwell in us **envies** intensely?



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2) God's jealousy for His church both affirms and secures our identity in Him.



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"God is jealous for the affections of your heart as a follower of Christ. This is not an insecure jealousy that is afraid you're going to find someone or something better, for there isn't anyone or anything better..."



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This is a secure jealousy that seeks what is best for you by guarding your heart from adulterous pursuits. He tells us to run from the things of this world and cling to Him in order to find all that we need."



~ David Platt

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James 4:6 (CSB)

But he gives *greater* grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.



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“Give me the grace to do as you command, and command me to do what you will.”

~ Augustine, *Confessions*



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James 4:6 (CSB)

...God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.



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3) Humility allows us to receive God's grace.



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"Sin seeks to enter, grace shuts the door; sin tries to get the mastery, but grace, which is stronger than sin, resists, and will not permit it. Sin gets us down at times, and puts its foot on our neck; grace comes to the rescue..."



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Sin comes up like Noah's flood, but grace rides over the tops of the mountains like the ark."
~ Charles Spurgeon



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James 4:7-8 (CSB)

⁷Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸***Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...***



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No matter how much I pull against God, he will never let me go!



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James 4:8 (CSB)

...Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



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James 4:9 (CSB)

Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.



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The grace of God is not just fire insurance.



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Isaiah 63:10 (CSB)

But they *rebelled* and grieved his *Holy Spirit*. So he became their *enemy* and fought against them.



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“Go and read the history of revivals again. Watch the individuals at the beginning. This is invariably the first thing that happens to them...



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They begin to see what a terrible, appalling thing sin is in the sight of God. They temporarily even forget the state of the Church, and forget their own anguish. It is the thought of sin in the sight of God. How terrible it must be...



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Never has there been a revival but that some of the people, especially at the beginning, have had such visions of the holiness of God, and the sinfulness of sin, that they have scarcely known what to do with themselves."

~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Revival*



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Hosea 3:1 (CSB)

Then the LORD said to me, "Go again; show love to a woman who is loved by another man and is an **adulteress**, just as the LORD loves the Israelites though they turn to other gods..."



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4) God chose to enter into an intimate relationship with you knowing you would be unfaithful.



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James 4:10 (CSB)

Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will exalt you.


