

Text: James 4:1-3

Paradise Valley Community Church

Topic: Desires

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Series: James

Title: Desires, Longings, and Wants

Introduction

I. Your Desires _____ of Conflict (v.1)

II. Your Desires _____ Your Actions (v.2a)

III. Your Desires _____ You? (v.2b-3)

Conclusion: What is driving your life?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers will help drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. Do you have any conflicts in your life now? What about conflict in your past? Who was/is involved? What are the details?
2. How did/are you responding to this conflict? What are you thinking, and what are/were your actions?
3. Now that you have been taught James 4:1-3 dig deeper into your desires. What do you want? What do you desire most? Think if I got _____, how would I benefit? Ease, comfort, pleasure, power, praise, possessions, etc.? When people or circumstances get in your way, how do you respond? How do you know if your desire has turned into a demand?
4. Now, survey other irritations, grumblings, discouragements, fear, and worry, and apply the question what do I want most? How do people or circumstances keep me from getting or threatening what I want?
5. Homework- Read and Pray Psalm 139:23-24 3x this week. Ask God to search you and know your heart. Ask Him to reveal what is driving you in life.

Recommended Resources

Brad Bigney, *Gospel Treason: Betraying the Gospel with Hidden Idols* (P&R Publishing, 2012).** (Brad Bigney also has this available as a sermon series)

Sermon Series- Dr. Brent Aucoin "Heart Change"

<https://www.faithlafayette.org/resources/conferenceMessages/heart-of-change>