



# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## **Praying with God's Priorities**

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### **Highlighted Scripture**

• **James 4:1-4**

**James teaches that quarrels often come from selfish desires within us. He warns that some prayers go unanswered because people ask with wrong motives, seeking to satisfy their own passions rather than God's purposes.**

### **Discussion Questions**

- **According to James 4, what are some reasons conflict develops between people?**
- **What is the difference between bringing a need to God and pursuing selfish desires?**
- **How can we evaluate our motives when we pray?**
- **What does it mean to be influenced by the world's values rather than God's values?**
- **How can we grow in seeking God's will instead of simply**

**asking Him to fulfill our personal preferences?**

### **Reflection Challenge**

**Spend time examining not only what you are praying for, but why you are praying for it.**

**Ask yourself:**

- **Am I bringing genuine needs to God or primarily pursuing personal desires?**
- **What motivates my prayers?**
- **Are my goals aligned with God's purposes for my life?**

**Try this:**

- **Before each prayer request, ask God to reveal your motives.**
- **Spend time praying for spiritual growth, wisdom, and guidance.**
- **Thank God for the ways He has already provided for your needs.**
- **Ask God to help you desire His will above your own preferences.**

**Remember**

- **God invites His children to bring their needs before Him.**
- **Our motives matter when we pray.**
- **God cares about both our hearts and our requests.**
- **Spiritual growth often begins when we seek God's will above**

**our own.**

**• The Lord knows our needs and is faithful to provide according to His wisdom.**

## **Prayer**

**Father God,**

**Thank You for inviting me to come to You in prayer. Search my heart and reveal any selfish motives that may influence my requests. Help me seek Your will above my own desires and trust Your wisdom in every situation. Fill me with Your Spirit, guide my decisions, and teach me to pray in ways that honor You. Thank You for faithfully providing for my needs and caring for every area of my life.**

**In Jesus' name,**

**Amen.**













