



Who Are You Playing For?

James 4:1-9 | October 19, 2025

A good adventure means anything can happen! It's unpredictable!

What causes fights and quarrels among us?

CLARIFYING WORDS IN JAMES 4:

- » **Desires** — hedonistic
- » **Kill** — direct assault on the image of God
- » **You** — used seventeen times in the first three verses of James 4.
- » **Friendship with the World** — fondness or companionship with the way of the world
- » **Enmity** — hatred toward God

“God’s Spirit” (Romans 8:9-11)

C.S. Lewis “Mere Christianity” (page 121-122)

PRIDE is ultimately what causes fights and quarrels among us.

HUMILITY because of God’s grace over us is the answer to our problem.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Connect Class on Oct. 26 at 9:00 AM

Blood Drive on Oct. 27 at Noon

Men’s Event on Nov. 2 at 6:00 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

A DEEPER DIVE:

Read James 4:1-9.

- In your experience, what are some of the things that have caused fights and quarrels in your relationships? Please be gracious!
- The word James uses for "desires" is taken from the Greek word that translates as hedonistic. How might that parallel with your battle within?
- In verse 3, James refers to asking or praying with wrong motives. In your experience, what might some of those motives be? Do you have a personal example to share?
- What do you think James is referring to when he describes "friendship with the world as enmity towards God?" How does that differ from being friends with people who are yet to know Jesus?
- In your own words, rewrite the idea that "God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble."
- When you hear the word "Submit," what ideas come to mind?
- How do the Scriptures instruct us to resist the Devil?
- In verse 8, we are encouraged to draw near to God and He will draw near to us. How does that work?