4-7-2024 – What'd James say – Part 9 – STOP AND THINK!

<u>James 4:5</u>

⁵ Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.

Romans 8:11

¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:12-13

¹² Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³ For if you live by its dictates, you will die.

The rest of Romans 8:13 and verse 14

But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

You have a sinful nature that was born into you. If you live by it, you will die...you become a friend of the world....you hate God.

OR – you read scripture – do what it says – and allow that POWERFUL HOLY SPIRIT TO TRANSFORM your evil desires into Godly desires – now, you live!!!! You become a friend of God...you hate the world!!!!!

James' good list...

Good works done with humility.....wisdom that comes from good works done with humility.....peace loving...gentle at all times....obedient to instruction....full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds.....shows no favoritism....always sincere....Peacemakers.....

Paul's good list....

- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control $\,$

<u>James' bad list</u> – jealous....bitterly jealous....selfish....boasting...lying....

Paul's bad list....

Sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these......

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