

THE BOOK OF JAMES
James 4:1-10
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Heart Check



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**Self Inflicted Wounds In The Church And In Our
 Personal Life Keeps Us Stuck In Our Walk By
 Faith With God. Ignoring The Wounds Does Not
 Make The Wounds Heal; Healing Is Important
 And True Healing Only Comes From God!**



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James 4:1–10

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the




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spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



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SELF-INFLICTED TRIALS

A Hard Look In The Mirror

- The audience is the first century church
- Primarily new Jewish Christians
- Facing outside trials from both Rome and Judaism



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SELF-INFLICTED TRIALS

A Hard Look In The Mirror

Trials In The Church Are Real

- Inside struggles in the church are rooted from members of the body
- Individual believers walk will impact the effectiveness of the body



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SELF-INFLICTED TRIALS

A Hard Look In The Mirror
Trials In The Church Are Real
Disagreements And Discord

- Quarrels – insisting rights above others
- Fights – out of control visible disputes
- Root of problem –
 - Personal passions
 - Not godly passions



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SELF-INFLICTED TRIALS

A Hard Look In The Mirror
Trials In The Church Are Real
Disagreements And Discord
Misdirected Faith

- Growing dependency in faith in God
- Growing understanding of who God is
- Growing demonstration of faith working



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SELF-INFLICTED TRIALS

A Hard Look In The Mirror
 Trials In The Church Are Real
 Disagreements And Discord
 Misdirected Faith
 Misdirected Faith Leads To Sin

- **Murder**

James 3:8–10

but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.



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- **Murder**

James 2:2–4

- **Covet**

For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?



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1 John 2:15–17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.




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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS

Self-Reliance

- Lack of prayer demonstrates lack of dependency for God
- “God mentality”
- Missed opportunity for God to work



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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS

Self-Reliance

Selfish Prayers

- Lacking faith in God

James 1:6–8

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS


Self-Reliance

Selfish Prayers

- Lacking faith in God
- Attempting to be god

James 1:19–20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.



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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS


Self-Reliance

Selfish Prayers

- Lacking faith in God
- Attempting to be god
- Lack of meekness and humility

James 3:13–16

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.



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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS

Self-Reliance

Selfish Prayers

Lack Of Concern For God's Will In Others

- Neglecting the most neglected

James 1:26–27

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS

Self-Reliance

Selfish Prayers

Lack Of Concern For God's Will In Others

- Neglecting the most neglected

James 2:14–16

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?



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SELF-CENTERED PRAYERS

Self-Reliance


Selfish Prayers

Lack Of Concern For God's Will In Others

- Neglecting the most neglected
- Not being a doer of the Word

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.



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Self-Reliance


Selfish Prayers

Lack Of Concern For God's Will In Others

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James 2:18–20

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?




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1 John 5:14–15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.



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SELF-ABSORBED PASSION

Adulterous

- Claiming to be in love with God
 - But, in love with the world... the enemy of God
- Claiming to be alive in Christ
 - But, deny the working of Christ



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SELF-ABSORBED PASSION

Adulterous

Just Friends

- Challenge – demonstrate true compassion when someone is in known sin
- Not justify actions and adjusting Scripture
- Enjoying the passions of the dead



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Adulterous

Just Friends

An Impossible Balance

- Friendship with the world is enmity with God
- Falling back into pre-salvation mind
- Love for the world over the love of God



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Passionate Pursuit Of Love!

Applied Character of God

- All Knowing – Your sin does not surprise God, yet He still loves you
- All Powerful – Conquered sin and death
- Love – Compassion to begin the work where you at

How Is Your Reflection And Pursuit Of God?



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