

## James 4:1-10

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1. Multi-layered \_\_\_\_\_ in the early church ([James 4:1-3](#))

- A. There is a war \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Unrestrained \_\_\_\_\_ can never be fulfilled.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ life problems

The world - human institutions, \_\_\_\_\_, and traditions

2. A Call to \_\_\_\_\_ ([James 4:4-6](#))

- A. There is to be no \_\_\_\_\_ with the world.
- B. God is \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Jealousy - having an \_\_\_\_\_ desire for what a person has a right to

- C. God is \_\_\_\_\_

3. James' recipe for \_\_\_\_\_ ([James 4:7-10](#))

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion Questions

1. How does James' understand of the source of conflict differ from how the world explains conflict?
2. James says that our desires are "at war within us." What are some examples of these conflicting desires, and how do they manifest in our relationships?
3. What are some examples of praying with wrong motives? How can we discern our true motives in prayer?
4. How does "friendship with the world" manifest itself in contemporary Christian life? What are some subtle ways believers can become entangled with worldly values?

5. Why is God's jealousy a positive attribute?
6. What does it mean to "draw near to God," and what are some practical steps we can take to do this?
7. What is the appropriate place for sorrow and lament over sin?