

The
WAR
WITHIN
James
4:1-5

1. If we do not control our passions, our passions will **CONTROL US**. (Proverbs 21:17, 25:28; Romans 7:22-23; Galatians 5:24; Ephesians 4:26; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 2:11; James 1:19-20)
2. The war **IN ME** will lead to a war **WITH YOU**. (Genesis 4:8, 27:4, 37:11; Mark 7:20-23; Luke 9:46; 1 Corinthians 1:11, 3:3; Ephesians 4:31; Philippians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)
3. God, help me be **CONTENT** with what You have given me instead of constantly **WANTING** what I do not **HAVE** and '**HATING**' the one who does have it. (Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21; Micah 2:2; Philippians 4:11; Colossians 3:5; 1 John 3:12,15; Matthew 5:21-22; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 13:5)
4. Just because I **ASK** God for something doesn't mean I will **GET** it...Why am I **ASKING**? (Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:2; Matthew 6:33, 7:7-11; John 14:13; 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 10:31)
5. When we pursue the world with its fleshly desires, we are **CHEATING** on **GOD**. (Joshua 24:15; Jeremiah 3:9,20; Hosea 3:1; Ezekiel 16:32; Matthew 6:24; John 17:17; Romans 8:7, 12:2; 2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:15-17)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. When deep inside I want my own way, that desire will show itself on the outside and will affect others. Share a specific example of how point #2 is lived out in real life. Is this preventable? If so, how?
3. James says we often do not receive what we pray for because our motive for asking is merely to receive pleasure for ourselves. In what ways is praying / asking with wrong motives contradictory to the reasons God wants us to pray? If merely asking God for what we want is not the point of prayer, then what is?
4. James says (verse 4) that if we are a friend of the world, then we are an enemy of God. What does he mean by 'friend of the world'? (What does he mean by 'adulterous people'?) How are we to live in and properly engage the world without becoming a 'friend' of the world?