

# CCEM – SPRING WOMEN’S STUDY

## “FAITH IN ACTION” – BOOK OF JAMES

### JAMES CHAPTER 4 – STUDY QUESTIONS

(Questions from “Joyful Life” – C. C. Costa Mesa, Kay Smith)

#### READ – JAMES CHAPTER 4

1. James follows his chapter 3 description of wisdom not from above and wisdom from above by showing the effect of ungodly wisdom in chapter 4. The opening question in James 4:1 introduces the subject of this paragraph. What is the question?

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a. How does this question compare to the last verse in chapter 3?

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2. WARS represents a continuing state of hostility. FIGHTINGS speaks of the various battles. What does James 4:1b say is the source of conflict among Christians?

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a. LUSTS in other Bible versions is translated evil desires, pleasures, passions, and strong or sensual (worldly or fleshly) desires. What kinds of lusts could cause conflict among believers? List from the following passages.

(1.) Luke 20:46 \_\_\_\_\_

(2.) John 12:43 \_\_\_\_\_

(3.) 1 Timothy 6:10 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does James 4:3b say is a deterrent to answered prayer?

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4. According to the following scriptures, what are the results of worldliness/friendship with the world?

(1.) Matthew 13:22 \_\_\_\_\_

(2.) James 3:16b \_\_\_\_\_

(3.) James 4:4b \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you think an attitude of worldliness begins to develop in a Christian's life?

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6. We are given definite, urgent commands in James 4:7-10. The choice of obedience to these is up to us. What does John 15:14 say about obeying the LORD's commands?

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7. Thoughtfully write James 4:7 sentence by sentence.

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8. How will your persistence in submission to GOD affect your resistance to the enemy?

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9. James' concern was not just with their outer cleansing but with inward purity as well. What does he tell the double-minded to do in James 4:8b?

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10. It is said that: derogatory criticism of others is one of the worst expressions of human pride. What inward thoughts and attitudes accompany the root cause (pride) of our speaking evil about others?

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11. What do the following verses teach about evil speaking?

a. Ephesians 4:31-32 \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 Peter 2:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

12. Love for other believers will root out the weeds of speaking evil about them. What do you learn about loving one another from:

a. 1 Thessalonians 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Rather than boasting about what we are going to do tomorrow, what ought we to say? James 4:15

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14. Chapter 4 is summarized in v.17. Choose one verse in chapter 4 that shows what good these Christians knew to do but were not doing. What is the sin of v.17

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15. Obedience to doing what is right is not an option any more than not doing what is wrong. What light does Luke 12:47-48a shed on our responsibility to known truth?

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