

## James 4

### V1-2

\* Brethren – He’s asking this question

\* Is the priority of our life to obtain worldly goods – Are we striving for worldly things – Are you forever caught up in what the world is focusing on, fads, products, life-styles, goods, fashions - Is the focus on satisfying worldly/fleshly desires – Is the majority of your life spent on satisfying yourself, getting ahead, in fact just getting...

So he is asking - Are fighting for what we get in this world, Is satisfying our pleasures our priority, Are continually desiring more, better, Feel like we are fighting to get to the top & then fighting to stay there and keep what we got?

\* He says we are doing all these things when we could just be asking God!

\* “I can present my desires to God, but then he has the right to deny them, except them or replace them.” Pastor Chuck

**John 15:7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

### V3

\* Lord give me this job/sale, & I will glorify you – because I want it

\* Lord, give me new car/house cause I need it – I want it

\* Lord, help my wife to understand my side – Because I’m right

\* Lord, change my husband/You glorified – I’m sick of him

### V4-6

\* Adulterers/Adulteresses? - One Says controlled by love/actually lust!

\* It is the ultimate in hypocrisy – Look like Love/Actually Lust

\* Say Controlled Love of God – Actually controlled by Lust of World

\* We are committing Spiritual adultery

**Jeremiah 3:6-9** – Israel & Judah committing adultery

**1 John 2:15-16** 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 lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

### V7-10

\* Seven Imperatives/Commands!

1. Submit to God – (come under the command/leader, be subordinate)

2. Resist the Devil – he will flee (Withstand/Oppose – Backbone!)

3. Draw near to God – he will draw near to you (Get close, Be close!)

4. Cleanse your hands - **1 Timothy 2:8** I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

5. Purify your hearts - **Matt 23:25-26** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

6. Lament/Mourn/Weep, Laughter/Mourning, Joy/Gloom

7. Humble yourself sight of Lord – He will lift you up (Promise!!!)

### V11-12

\* **Right out of the heart/mouth of Brother Jesus!**

**Matthew 7:1-2** “Judge (krino) not, that you be not judged(krino’d).

For with what judgment (Krima) you judge (krino), you will be judged (krino’d); and with the measure (metron/measuring stick)you use, it will be measured back to you.

### V13-16

**Luke 12:13-21** – Parable Farmer/Barn – Soul required/tonight

“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

\* This is an example of a Christian living in the world!

\* So often I am asked this question – This is my counsel

### V17

\* Moral of the story – If we are always waiting for something else to happen to do good, WE ARE IN SIN.

\* Now is the time to do good!

\* Tithe – Waiting to have enough for ourselves to give for to others

\* Time – Waiting to have enough for ourselves to give to others

\* Prayer – So busy with our lives, to clouded/tired to pray for others

**Isaiah 1:17** – Learn to do good!

\* Begin today, recommit today