



What To Do When Worship Turns To War

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SELECTED SCRIPTURES: James 4:1-12

All scriptures from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted

I. THE _____ OF CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH. James 4:1

Greek word “Hedone” - We got our word Hedonism from this. It is simply the pleasure derived from fulfilling one’s desire.

II. THE _____ OF CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH. James 4:2-3

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF CONFLICT

A. Unsatisfied _____

You lust and do not have. James 4:2a

Seeking pleasures never gives us full satisfaction.

B. Uncontrolled _____

You murder and covet and cannot obtain. James 4:2b

Murder is the extreme to which frustrated desire may lead.

C. Untapped _____

You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. James 4:2c

D. Unanswered _____

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.
James 4:3

In verse 2c, there is no receiving because there is no asking. But in verse 3, there is no receiving because the asking is done with the wrong motive.

1 John 5:14

III. THE _____ OF CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH. James 4:4

Jeremiah 3:20 Mark 8:38

When James talks about being adulterers and adulteresses, he is not talking about sexual sin - He is talking about spiritual adultery.

A. Friendship with the World _____ Our Fellowship with Christ.

James 4:4

2 Timothy 3:4

USES OF THE WORD WORLD IN JAMES

1. James 1:27 - "keeping oneself unspotted from the world" - this is the "world system" - evil principles.
2. James 2:5 - "the poor of this world" - this is the "world of men."
3. James 3:6 - "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." - the universal global sense that we describe a car dealerships or a "car world" or a furniture store as a "furniture world."
4. James 4:4 - It is a system which is in opposition to God. It is not the physical world, it is all the things that operate in opposition to God.

B. Friendship with the World _____ Our Faith in God's Word.
James 4:5

IV. The _____ For Conflict In The Church. James 4:6

Proverbs 3:34

1 Peter 5:5

The same grace that initiates a believer into fellowship with God is able to sustain that fellowship in spite of the pressures of the world.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Hebrews 4:16

A. How to _____ The Grace Of God That He Has Made Available To Us.
James 4:7-12

1. _____ Control Of Your Life. James 4:7a
"Submit" - means to take rank under.
2. _____ The Devil. James 4:7b 1 Peter 5:8-9
3. _____ Worship to a Priority. James 4:8a
4. _____ Sinful Actions. James 4:8b
5. _____ Sinful Attitudes. James 4:8c
6. _____ To Sin With Sorrow. James 4:9a
7. _____ From A Furious Attitude. James 4:9b
8. _____ Humbly To Success. James 4:10
9. _____ To Slander Your Brother. James 4:11-12