

“WE ARE AT WAR: IN IT TO WIN IT!”

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PART 2: “FIGHTING THE RIGHT BATTLE”

I. WHO IS YOUR ENEMY? James 4:1-6

A. The enemy within - your own personal enemy

1. Lust and desire for pleasure
2. Perversion of the image of God - misuse/abuse
3. False sovereignty perverted into domination
4. Autonomy versus the need for community
5. Bigotry - the belief that one is superior to another
6. Jealousy and envy of what another has
7. Misguided, unworthy competition
8. Sensuality

B. Friendly fire - making an enemy of my brothers

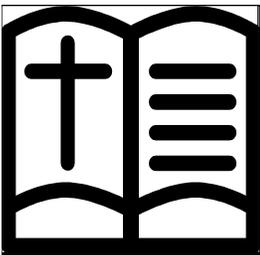
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3. Fighting my brothers to have what I want

C. Making an enemy of God v. 4

1. Failure to love what God loves
2. Loving what God does not love
3. Breaking covenant with God by loving something more than Him
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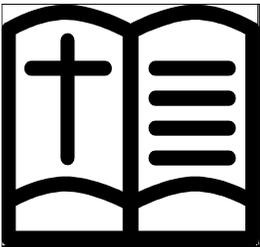
1. Fooled by the false promises
2. Being the slave or being the master
3. Owning versus stewardship
4. Being the victim or the victimizer



- D. *Born into a war you did not start that you cannot avoid*
1. *The invisible one's whose space you have entered “own” you in their space*
 2. *They marked you when you followed Christ*
 3. *The Spirit of God is in earnest contention with the spirits of the world*
 4. *They gain influence in your life through pride, lust, lies, deception, intimidation, unreconciled relationships.*
 - a. *If you are characterized by those you are influenced and empowered by them to use them.*
 - b. *If you use these weapons, they hold a dominant sway in all the areas in which you use them*

II. WINNING THE BATTLE; MAKING PEACE

- A. *With yourself - humility, ownership, acceptance, abiding in Christ, devouring the word*
- B. *With your brothers - humility, confession, acceptance, transparency, forgiveness, contentment, drop expectations, freedom*
- C. *With God - humility, faith, confession, repentance, devotion, transparency, prayer, contentment*
- D. *With the culture - humility, caution in closeness, honesty, seek peace, reconcile what you can, keep an eternal perspective (this world is not our home), sobriety to end envy (until they trust Christ, this is all the heaven they are going to ever see)*



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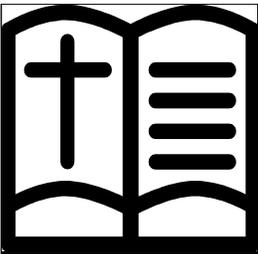
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