

## THE CONFLICT WITHIN AND THE CONFLICTS WITHOUT (James 4:1-6)

### A. The CONTEXT – James is writing to Christians experiencing great TRIALS

#### 1. Trials are used by God to

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ where we are at in our thinking (1:2, 5-11)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ our perspective (1:3-4)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ believers who trust the LORD in their trials (1:12)

#### 2. In the midst of these trials, James exhorts believers to be: (James 1:19-20)

- a. SWIFT to \_\_\_\_\_ (1:21-2:26)
- b. SLOW to \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-18)
- c. SLOW to \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-5:6)

### B. The CAUSE of CONFLICTS Among Believers - CARNALITY (4:1-4)

Rom. 8:4-8

#### 1. Symptom #1: Your \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ that war in your members (4:1-3)

- a. The DEFINITION of pleasure (he done) – a desire to seek for that which \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ me  
Titus 3:3; Luke 8:14; James 1:14-15; Gal. 5:16-17

#### b. The DESCRIPTION of a believer who is living for \_\_\_\_\_: (4:2-3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_... “you lust, and do not have.”  
Num. 11:1-6; James 4:6; 1 Timothy 6:6-10
2. \_\_\_\_\_... “you murder, and covet”  
Matt. 5:21-22; 27-28; 1 Pet. 4:15; Eph. 4:22-32
3. \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers... “you fight and war”  
Num. 12: 2; 2 Cor. 3:3-4; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 4:11-16
4. \_\_\_\_\_ for legitimate needs... “you do not have because you do not ask”  
James 1:5; Jer. 33:3; Matt. 7:7-11; Phil. 1:27
5. \_\_\_\_\_ for hedonistic \_\_\_\_\_ that will be \_\_\_\_\_... “you ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”  
James 1:6-8; John 14:13; 1 Thes. 5:16-18

2. Symptom #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Viewpoint (4:4)

a. The DEFINITION of worldliness—worldliness is a mental attitude that is occupied and directed by the \_\_\_\_\_, not Jesus Christ or the Word of God

b. The DESCRIPTION of worldliness—

1. “adulterers and adulteresses”—this is \_\_\_\_\_ in nature  
Hosea 1:2, 4:11-12

2. “\_\_\_\_\_ of the world”—love of the world-system instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
Eph. 2:1-3; 2Cor. 4:3-6; John 15:18-20

“Cosmos”— *“The world-system, wicked and alienated from God yet cultured, educated, powerful, outwardly moral at times, the system of which Satan is the head, the fallen angels and the demons are his servants, and all mankind other than the saved, are his subjects. This includes people, pursuits, pleasures, purposes, and places where God is not wanted.”*(Wuest)

\*Principle--

c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of worldliness...“whoever therefore wants to be a  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the world makes himself an \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

Phil 3:17-19; 1John 2:15-17

\*Principle--

C. The CURE to the CONFLICT (4:5-6)

1. God’s \_\_\_\_\_: The Holy Spirit (4:5)

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit/spirit...“The Spirit/spirit that dwells in us”  
1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 7:15-18

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit/spirit...“yearns jealously?”  
2Cor. 11:2; Rom. 7:22-25

2. God’s Provision: He gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble. (4:6)

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s grace... “He gives more grace.”  
John 1:16-17; Romans 5:2, 20

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s grace

1. Negatively... “God \_\_\_\_\_ the proud...”

2. Positively... “but (God) \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble”

\*So where does all of this leave you?