

Fighting

Words Matter

James 4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? *(NLT)*

Internal _____

External _____

James 4:2a You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. *(NLT)*

Internal _____

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to

judgment.' *[Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17]* **22** But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot *[Aramaic term of contempt: Raca]*, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone *[you fool]*, you are in danger of the fires of hell *[Gehenna]."* *(NLT)*

External _____

1 Samuel 19:1 Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. *(NLT)*

James 4:2b Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. **3** And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. *(NLT)*

Internal _____

External _____

James 4:4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. **5** Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. (NLT)

Internal _____

Galatians 5:16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **17** The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. (NLT)

Colossians 3:12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **13** Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **14** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. **15** And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. (NLT)

Luke 12:1 Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy. **2** The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. **3** Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear! **4** "Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. **5** But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell [*Gehenna*]. Yes, he's the one to fear." (NLT)

External _____

Matthew 24:9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. **10** And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. **11** And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. **12** Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. **13** But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (NLT)

Matthew 24:10 And at that time many will fall away [*from the faith*], and they will betray [*hand over*] one another and hate one another. (NASB)

Matthew 24:10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. (NKJV)

"Discernment isn't knowing the difference between right and wrong; discernment is knowing the difference between right and almost right."

~ Charles Spurgeon (1834–1892)
British preacher, author, pastor, and evangelist

Pain that doesn't get _____
will get _____.

Luke 12:49 "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! **50** I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. **51** Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! **52** From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against. **53** 'Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' [Micah 7:6]" (NLT)

Examine Your _____

Surrender To God's _____

Pray For _____

Seek _____, **Not** _____

Matthew 5:9 "God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God." (NLT)

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (NLT)