

James – Small Group Study Week 7

Verses for the week: James 4:1-5

Warning Against Worldliness

1What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions^a are at war within you?^b **2**You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. **3**You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. **4**You adulterous people!^c Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5**Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

Questions:

1. Consider Verse 3 - does God **never** answer prayers for personal passions?
2. What in the world does the quote in Verse 5 mean?

Quote of the week: We are sent to bless the world, but we are never told to compromise with it. AW Tozer

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