

RAVAGED BY WORLDLINESS

Quarrels, Fights, & Other Pastimes

James 4:1-6

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Quarrels, fights,, lust, hate, envy, pride, and sin stain this portion of James' letter like inkblots. In contrast with the closing words of chapter 3, "**peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness,**" chapter 4 opens with "**quarrels and fights.**" James gave advice on how to quell the storms that are so detrimental to spiritual growth and maturity. *How can we get along with others? We need to understand ...*

I. THE CAUSE OF CONFLICT. James 4:1

Seeking pleasure as the ultimate good.

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CONFLICT. James 4:2-3

- A. _____ . 2a
"You lust and you do not have."
- B. _____ . 2b
"You kill and envy and you are not able to obtain."
- C. _____ . 2c
"You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask."
- D. _____ . 3
"You ask and you do not receive because you ask amiss."

Bible principles that provide guidelines for receiving answers:

1. _____ . James 1:6
2. _____ . John 16:24
3. _____ . 1 John 5:14-15
4. _____ . 1 Peter 3:7
5. _____ . Psalm 66:18

III. THE CONDEMNATION OF CONFLICT. James 4:4-5

- A. Friendship with the World Destroys Our _____ with God. 4
- B. Friendship with the World Denies Our _____ in God's Word. 5

IV. THE CURE FOR CONFLICT. James 4:6

- A. _____ .
- B. _____ .