

James Chapter Four

Our Struggle Against Worldliness



**“For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.”
(James 2:26)**

Questions For Class Discussion:

1. When it comes to fights and quarrels, who is the real enemy?
2. Due to the context, what do you suppose these individuals may have been coveting and desiring?
3. What were these individuals guilty of that causes James to call them “adulterous people”?
4. What does the phrase “friendship with the world” mean? What are some ways we can be friends of this world?
5. Explain what verse 5 means in relation to what James is teaching:
6. Verses 7-10 is the heart of this section. What all instruction does James give us that will help us overcome the struggle of friendship with the world?

7. If James is dealing with people striving with one another for preeminence, what paradoxical truth does he reveal about this?

8. According to verses 11-13, when we speak evil of one another what are we also doing by implication?

9. Instead of using the name of the Lord in verse 12 what name (or description) does James use? Why would James use this here instead of "Jesus the Christ?"

10. How does verses 13-17 fit into James' discussion of worldliness (or how is this worldliness)?

11. Give a Biblical example of a person who was guilty of what James describes in verses 13-14?

12. How does James describe our life? How should this realization impact the way we live?

13. Why do you think we don't use phrases like, "If the Lord wills," in our daily speech? What does this say about us?

14. What are we doing when we fail to do what we know we should be doing? How does this verse fit into this discussion?