



LESSON 10 - JAMES 4:1-3 (STUDENT)

1. What changes did you make as a result of applying last week's lesson?
2. Read James 4:1-3. Summarize this section with one sentence.
3. What is the happening among the scattered believers?
4. People often have reasons as to why they were quarrelling over something. What are some reasons you have for arguing, quarreling and/or being angry at those closest to you?
5. In your own words, state the heart reason why anyone fights or quarrels according to James 4:1 and Romans 6:12-15?

6. What are the outward and inward manifestations of this sin according to verses 2 and 3?

Outward:

Inward:

7. At the beginning of verse 2, James says that people have desires, or lusts. These two words are the same in Greek. The only thing that makes a lust bad is the object of that lust. Can you think of some things that are good lusts, good desires?

8. At what point can a good desire become a sinful one?

9. Look up the following three Biblical accounts and answer the questions.

A. Genesis 4:1-10

1. Who was involved?

2. What did he want? Was it sinful in and of itself?

3. What was he willing to do to fulfill his desire?

B. 1 Kings 21:1-19

1. Who were the people involved?

2. What was Ahab's desire? Was it sinful in and of itself?

3. What was he willing to do to fulfill his desire?

C. 2 Samuel 11

1. Who was involved?

2. What did he want? Was it sinful in and of itself?

3. What was he willing to do to fulfill his desire?

10. Look back at the list of your good desires. Have you ever become angry when you haven't received one of these good things?

11. Sometimes when we want something so badly, we "bulldoze" to get it and come up with our own solutions. How were the believers failing to act and what did Jesus say about this in Matthew 7:7-10?

12. Other times we *do* end up going to the Father to ask, but what is the problem according to verse 3? (also James 1:5)

We ask with _____

What are some wrong things we might be inclined to pray when we are in conflict with others?

13. What is the significant difference between the prayers of 1) 1 John 5:14 and Matthew 6:10 and the prayers of 2) James 4:3?

APPLICATION:

Who are you in conflict with most often?

What is the situation in which the conflict usually rises?

What do you want more than pleasing the Lord during this conflict?

What scriptures can you bring to bear on the situation that will help you do battle with the pleasure that is waging war in your heart?