



James 4:1-3 NIV

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



James 4:4-10 NIV

4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.



James 3:18 NIV

Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



Romans 12:17-19 NIV

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Previous Scripture: James 3:18;

James 4:1-10



I. There is War With Each Other



James 4:1a NIV

What causes fights and quarrels among
you?



I. There is War With Each Other



Psalm 133:1 NIV

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!



I. There is War With Each Other



Ephesians 4:32 NIV

Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God
forgave you.



I. There is War With Each Other



2 Timothy 2:24 NIV

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.



II. There is War With Ourselves



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Ephesians 4:32; Psalm 133:1



II. There is War With Ourselves



Colossians 3:8 NIV

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.



II. There is War With Ourselves



Romans 7:19 NIV

For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.



III. There is War With God



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Colossians 3:8; James 4:1b-3



III. There is War With God



1 John 2:15 NIV

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.



III. There is War With God



Proverbs 3:34 NIV

He mocks proud mockers

but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.



III. There is War With God



1 Peter 5:5-9 NIV

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud

but shows favor to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Previous Scripture: Proverbs 3:34;

1 John 2:15; James 4:4-10



III. There is War With God



Matthew 23:12 NIV

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.



III. There is War With God



Mark 8:27-30 NIV

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

28 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

29 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 23:12;

1 Peter 5:5-9; Proverbs 3:34



III. There is War With God



Mark 8:31-33 NIV

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

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