

Praying with Wrong Motives (Jas. 4:2c-3)

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Review

“Pleasures” comes from the Greek word from which we derive _____.

The desire to fulfill these pleasures that are the source of our conflicts comes from _____.

The Bible says that when disagreements turn into _____, they are the direct result of sinful _____ and actions.

The root of these conflicts was selfish, indulgent _____ in the hearts of those involved.

Selfish _____ drive believers to wage war within themselves, as their desire to serve Christ and neighbor conflicts with the desire to serve _____.

“An _____ is anything that captures our hearts, minds, and affections more than _____.” – Brad Bigney

When any strong, sinful lust is not _____—when a heart idol is not _____—the sinner (both unbeliever and believer) is prone to lash out in angry frustration and _____.

Why We Fight (v. 1)

You do not have =

You do not ask =

James has already exhorted his readers (1:5) that the one who _____ wisdom should simply _____ for it!

In the theme of the book, _____ is a wise response to life’s circumstances, while it is _____ to try to handle life without seeking God’s aid.

Notes on [Matt. 7:7-11](#):

The failure to ask the correct _____ of gifts could indicate a faulty _____ of God.

Jesus indicates in [Luke 18:1-8](#) that we may often need to _____ in our prayer in order to receive.

Many people do not even think of _____ God for help of any kind, because they consider themselves _____ - _____, fully able to take care of themselves.

You Must Ask with Right Motives (v. 3)

With wrong motives =

So that you may spend =

Some common heart idols:

God does not honor requests to fulfill these _____ motives because He does not facilitate our worship of God _____.

Real-life examples of requests to spend on our pleasures:

[1 John 3:22](#) and [5:14](#) tell us that those who have their prayers answered are those who keep His _____ and who ask according to His _____.

Self-evaluation of my unanswered prayers:

The wise v. foolish contrast: The wise pray with _____ rooted in God’s will, while the foolish never _____, or they pray with _____ in mind.