Unfriend the World And Befriend God

James 4:1-10







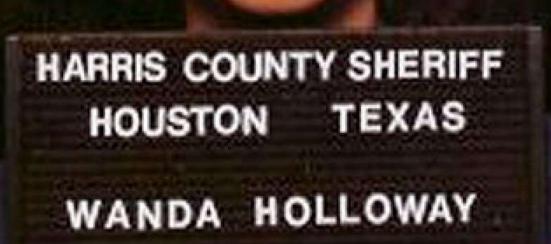




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• For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. (James 3:16)

 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? (4:1) • You covet but you cannot get what you want and therefore, you quarrel and fight. You desire but your desire is not gratified and therefore, you kill. (4:2)



- 1. God has given me many blessings. Am I content with them?
- 2. I want a pleasurable life. But are there selfish desires battling within me?
- 3. Do my selfish desires cause conflict at home, at work, or in church?

• When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (4:3) • You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world means enmity with God? (4:4)

- 1. Am I committing spiritual adultery?
- 2. Do I give my desires a higher priority than God?

3. Does my boyfriend / girlfriend, family, academic achievement, career, material goods, entertainment, fame or status mean more to me than my commitment to Christ? • God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (4:6)

• Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. (4:10)

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• Come near to God and he will come near to you. (4:8)

• Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your heart, you double-minded (v. 8)

• Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. (4:9)

1. Do I have the liberation of giving up my own right because I submit to God?

2. What am I going to do to be right with God and with others?

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- b. Conflict between self and God: Spiritual Adultery(v. 3-5)

2. Cure for Conflict: GOD a. Humility before God (v. 6, 10)