

# 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)



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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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- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (4:7)

- 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)**