Introduction:
We are living in turbulent times with a lot of social unrest. Why is this happening? What is going on?

I) Old Testament Examples

A) Individuals
3. Servants of Abraham and Lot were divided, Genesis 13.1-10. Why?

B) Land of Canaan with tribal warfare
1. Each city had its own king and, more like war lords.
2. Genesis 14.1-10 describes a civil war between a number of kings with Lot being taken captive. Genesis 14:11 -12
3. The Gibeonites were in danger from their ____________ Joshua 10:1 -4

C) Time of Judges
1. Persecution of Israel was due to ______________ Judges 3:12 ;4.1.
3. Israel's sins included ____________________________
   a. Abimelech -- Judges 9:4 -5, 45
4. Jephthah's vow in which his daughter was to be ________ chapter 11

D) Israel's internal strife , Jeremiah 22:17

II) New Testament

A) Jews were divided ____________________________

B) Jews ________________ Acts 10:24 -28
1. Division caused by the Law of Moses and the Gentiles turning away from God.
2. Gentiles did not trust Jews. Matthew 23:16

E) Even in the ________________
1. See internal division and strife at Corinth.
2. Book of James, James 4:1 -4
3. Where did all this come from? Why? ____________________________.

III) Solutions

A) ______________________ James 4:5 -7
1. What is His will in regards to these things? ___________ Matthew 5:43 -48, James 1:19 -20

B) ______________________ ,John 17:20 -21
1. Imagine a world without murder/envy/strife/war/etc.
2. We cannot because of the effects of sin.
3. As individuals we can be what Jesus prayed for. 1 Corinthians 6:9 -11

Conclusion:
While a lot of people are pointing out the problems around us, I don't see many working on the solutions. You can either be a part of the problem or the solution, it is up to you.