

Choosing God Above Everything Else

James 3:13-18

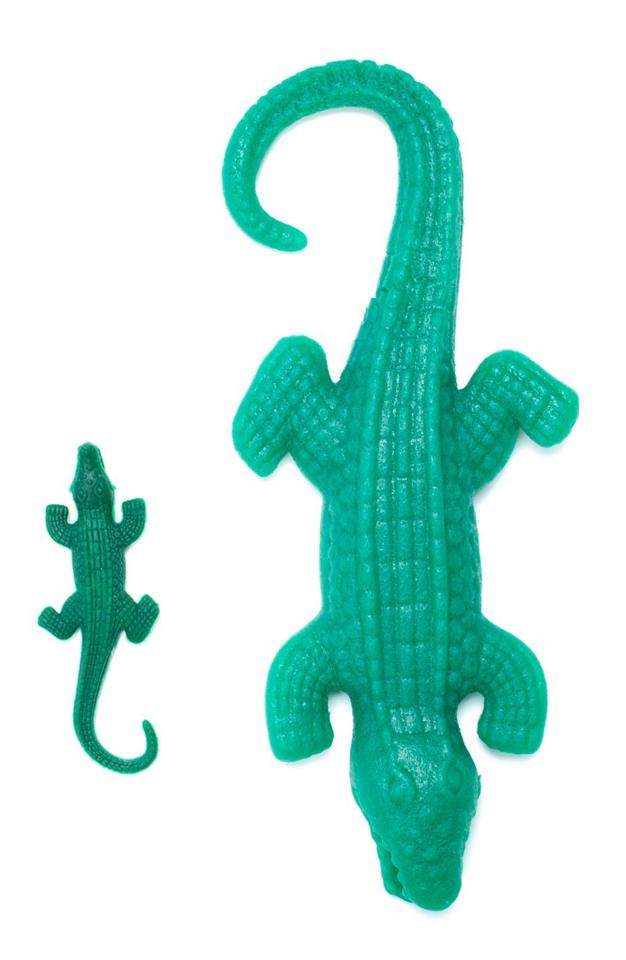
James 4:1-2 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.

Galatians 5:14-21 So I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the spirit what is contrary to the flesh.

They are in conflict with each other. So that you are not to do whatever you want, but if you are led by the Spirit you are not held under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious, sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, guts of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy and drunkeness, orgies and the like. I warn you as I did before that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against those things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with it's passions and desires.



James 4:3 You do not have because you do not ask God. When you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on pleasures.

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James 4:4-5

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. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that He jealously longs for the Spirit He has caused to dwell in us?

Enmity = Deep seated hatred and hostility.

Describes a feeling of active opposition or antagonism towards someone or something.

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Stranger

Community/Professions Community/Professions Acquaintance

Friend

Family

Self

James 4:4 Don't befriend the world.

James 1:27
Don't be polluted by the world.

1 John 2:15-17
Do not love the world.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the world.

James 4:6-10 God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee form you. Come near to God and He will come near to you.

Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change you laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.

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Make conscious decisions to draw near to God!!!

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