



Genuine Living Faith

# 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, fits of rage,  
selfish ambition, dissensions, factions  
and envy and drunkenness, 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.



1. You do not have  
because you do not  
ask God.

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because you ask with  
wrong motives.**

## 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.



**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 from 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!!!**

**Choose God above all else.**

