

Grace Bible Chapel

Grace Women's Study – Lesson 15

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

James 4:1-4 – Friendship with the world is hostility toward God

Key Verse: v4 you adulteresses, **do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

We come to **James 4 verses 1-4** James now addresses the evil of quarrels and conflicts within the body of believers. Here led by the Spirit James notes that conflicts between members of the church are sourced ie don't come from outside forces but instead he very pointedly indicates it is from our own lusts and envies (self-considerations) lust of the eye, flesh and boastful pride of life that animosities rear up. .

James 4:1- What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among **you**? Is not the source (are they not from here) your **pleasures** that wage war in **your members**? (John 13:34-35 Christ's command to love one another, 2Cor2:20-21, Proverbs 23:6-7, 1 John 2:16, Romans 16:17-18, Phil 4:8-9, Phil 1:27, 1 Peter 2:1-3)

James 4:2-3 – v2 **You lust** and do not have; so you commit **murder**. You are **envious** and cannot obtain; **so you fight and quarrel**. You do not have because you do not ask. V3 **You ask** and do not receive, because **you ask with wrong motives**, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. (Matthew 5:22, Luke 15:13-14, James 1:20, Galatians 5:20)

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world is hostility toward God?** Therefore whoever wishes to be **a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** (Jeremiah 3:20, Isaiah 54:5, 1 John 4:15-17, John 17:15-21)

CONCLUSION:
