

Three WARS
James 4:1-12

1. War with _____ - vv. 1a, 11-12

2. War with _____ - vv. 1b-3

James 3:14-16 – “But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” (NIV)

3. War with _____ – vv. 4-10

To Go

1. Identify someone you are at war with in your heart. First, ask God to give you the strength and ability to forgive. Secondly, ask God to give you the courage to pursue reconciliation with that person.
2. Wrestle with this question: How much of what I am doing to achieve the greatest amount of pleasure is because of my own evil desires that are battling within me (at war with myself)?
3. Make an effort this week to resist the devil and his influence in your life. You can do this by identifying areas of your life that you have not yet surrendered under the authority of Christ.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of October 22, 2017

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This fall we will consider the book of James and its application to us today. As you study the passage, look beyond your notes to glean more truth from this passage by using these questions, so that you know God better!

Context: James continues to connect his thoughts together through the letter. Read back through chapter 3 and notice how this chapter connects to the previous one.

Observation: What is the cause of fights and quarrels? Why does he call these people adulterers?

Meaning: James digs down to diagnose the sin beneath the sin of fighting. Where does this sin come from? What does the believer need to fight it?

Application: How does a lack of humility and lack of submission work itself out in your life? Where do you need more grace in your fight against sin?