

The Passions at War Within

Day by Day in the Letter of James

- A. Quarrels and fights will be a reality of life all around us this week.
- B. As much as depends upon me, if I am to avoid the pitfalls without, I must consistently look within.
1. "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?" (James 4:1a)
 2. The Holy Spirit doesn't leave that question unanswered or up to me.

The Path to War

- ◆ I declare _____ from God (4:5)
- ◆ I conform to the _____ around me (4:4)
- ◆ _____, fueled by my passions, breaks out within me (4:1)
 - ⇒ Self-centeredness: my _____ revolve around me (4:2a)
 - ⇒ Self-seeking: my _____ revolve around me (4:2b)
 - ⇒ Pride: my _____ revolve around me (4:2c-3)
- ◆ When someone gets in my _____, quarrels and fights break out (4:1) and I allow the evil that has taken root in my heart to spew out of my _____ (4:11-12)
- ◆ My relationships and my own _____ are overrun with enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, and envy (Gal 5:20-21), threatening my very eternal life (4:4)

The Path to Peace

- ◆ I must be willing to humbly _____ and objectively evaluate: "Do you not know?" (4:4)
- ◆ The God who jealously yearns over my spirit is a God of _____ (4:6)
- ◆ I am given the opportunity to _____ to God and resist the devil (4:7)
- ◆ With a broken and contrite heart that is grieved over my sin, I _____ (4:8-9)
- ◆ I walk _____ with my God, trusting that his way is best (4:10)