



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
UNFRIENDING THE WORLD
JAMES 4:1-6

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1. Be _____ (vv. 1-3)

James 4:1-6 (ESV)
4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

2. Realize _____ (v. 4)

3. See _____ (vv. 5-6)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:2-4. How can you continually avoid a “love of self?” When you do get caught up in loving yourself, how is that manifested?

2 Read Isaiah 54:5-6. In what ways do you see the modern church committing “spiritual adultery?” In what ways are you tempted to love the world more than God?

3. What aspect of “Calling Sin Normal” or “Judging Unbelievers” was convicting? How will you respond to that conviction moving forward?

4. Read Matthew 23:12. Are there any areas in your life that God is calling you to be more humble? If so, how will you start that process?

5. Read Matthew 5:3. Why is it so important to be poor in spirit before a holy God? In what ways have you grown in this perspective since becoming a Christian?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Sproul, R.C.. *The Holiness of God*. Tyndale Momentum, 2000.

Washer, Paul. *Ten Indictments Against the Modern Church*. Reformation Heritage Books, 2018.

Hughes, Kent. *Set Apart: Calling a Worldly Church to a Godly Life*. Crossway, 2003.

Moo, Douglas. *The Letter of James*. Eerdmans, 2000.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for God to help our church remain unstained by the world and faithful to His Word!

Pray for those who are friends with the world to repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ!

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Pray for the hearts of the Plants & Pillars students as they finish up their Ignite camp and come back down the mountain.

Pray for Shannon and Danielle Hurley (our mission partners in Uganda) as they recover from being sick.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
7/12	1 Chronicles 9-10	Psalms 81:11-16	Luke 5:27-32	Galatians 5:16-26
7/13	1 Chronicles 11-13	Psalms 82	Luke 5:33-39	Galatians 6:1-10
7/14	1 Chronicles 14-16	Psalms 83:1-8	Luke 6:1-11	Galatians 6:11-18
7/15	1 Chronicles 17-19	Psalms 83:9-18	Luke 6:12-19	Ephesians 1:1-14
7/16	1 Chronicles 20-22	Psalms 84:1-7	Luke 6:20-36	Ephesians 1:15-23
7/17	1 Chronicles 23-25	Psalms 84:8-14	Luke 6:37-42	Ephesians 2:1-10