



QUARRELS IN REAL LIFE

James 4:1-12

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One Question & One Answer- verse 1

1. In verse 1, what question does James ask?
2. How would you personally answer his question? Be honest.
3. In verse 1, what is James' answer?
4. Do you think he is right? Wrong? In the ball park? Totally out to lunch? Why or why not?

Our Quarrels & Fights - verses 2-4

5. How does James describe our quarrels and fights?
6. What are you passionate about?
7. Is it possible to be passionate about "issues" and not sin?
8. How can our passions get us into trouble?

God's Solution - verses 5,6

9. James focuses on two parts of God's solution. What are they?
10. What does it mean for you to know that God yearns for you?
11. What does it mean for you that God gives greater (more) grace?

Two Practical Steps - verses 7-9

12. James gives two practical steps that we can take which will help us live within God's solution. What are they?
13. What could it look like for you to submit to God? What in your life would stay the same or need to change?
14. What could it look like for you to draw near to God? What in your life would stay the same or need to change?
15. What do you think would be the effect on your relationships if you were to follow the steps James shares?

James' Conclusion - verses 10-12

16. Judging others presents a helpful tool for evaluating our motives. Are there times when you are judging others? What can these times of judging tell you about your attitude towards Yourself? Others? God?
17. What could it be like for you to humble yourself before God?
18. What would it be like for God to exalt you?
19. Are there any parts of this study that you have found especially helpful, troubling, challenging? Are there additional ways you can apply this study in your life this week?