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James 4:1-12

Warnings against worldliness

1. Do not _____ the world (James 4:4)
2. Do not be _____ by the world (James 1:27)
3. Do not _____ the world (1 John 2:15-17)
4. Do not _____ to the world (Romans 12:2)
5. Do not be _____ with the world (1 Corinthians 11:32)

James' 10 commands: (4:7-10)

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| 1. _____ yourselves | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ the devil | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ _____ to God | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ your hands | 9. _____ your laughter to _____ |
| 5. _____ your hearts | 10. _____ yourselves |

**If you're a Christian by belief, you should be a Christian by behavior.
God is for you and wants to improve you.**

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1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What does your family commonly fight about? Can you think of a time when you fought over something foolish? What does James say is the root cause of fights and quarrels between people?
3. James 4:2-3 tells us to ask God for what we want but do not be surprised if we don't get what we ask for?
 - What is James' reason why people do not always get what they ask for?
 - Read the following verses: James 4:3, Isaiah 55:8-9, John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7, 2 Peter 3:8. What insight do these verses give us with regards to asking God for things?
4. What does James say about loving both God and the world?
5. What do the following verses say about loving both God and the world?
Matt 6:24, John 15:18-19, James 1:27, 4:4, Rom 12:2, I Cor 11:32, 1 Jn 2:15-17
6. In James 4:7-10, James offers 10 commands. What are they?
 - Jesus summed all of this up in two commandments. What are they?
(Matt 22:37-39)
7. What is James saying in verses 11 and 12? (Matt 7:1-5)
8. What is the difference between pride and a sense of accomplishment?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (James 4:1-12) and this week's message

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?