

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 16

Read James 4:2 – 3 (Read in New Living Translation)

Introduction: *Satisfaction in the things of this world is like a mirage, seemingly within our reach, but always eluding us, leaving us fretful and fighting like spoiled children. We all have passed through these experiences and admit that under the sun all is vanity and vexation of spirit. Our Lord said; "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The natural heart is always thirsting. If a man gets power, he craves more power. If he gets money, he wants more money. If he enjoys a season of sinful pleasure, he seeks more of the same. And so it goes! When one's body, mind, and spirit are not fully yielded to God, life becomes one vicious circle of seeking but never satisfying.*

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1. What are some of the desires in your life that you want, but do not have?
 - Have you been guilty of being jealous of what others have? (Explain)

 - The enemy will always attack us and tempt us in three areas of our lives. According to 1 John 2:16 what are those three areas?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

2. According to Genesis 3:1 – 6 what happen in the Garden of Eden that caused Adam and Eve to fall?

- Read the story of Achan in Joshua 6:18 – 19 and Joshua chapter 7. What did Achan confess to doing in Joshua 7:21 and what were the consequences of his coveting?

- What price are you willing to pay to continue in your sin?

3. According to Titus 2:11 – 14 how should we be living in this present age?

- How does Romans 8:10 – 14 help you to understand your position with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

4. In James 4:2 it says, “*You do not have because you do not ask*”. What did Jesus tell us to do in Matthew 7:7 – 12?

- How does Matthew 6:25 – 34 give to us a fresh reminder of where our focus should be?

5. According to James 4:2– 3 what happens when we ask God for something with wrong motives?

- What is the right motive in prayer and fasting according to Matthew 6:19 – 21?

- What do the following scriptures teach us about the privilege of prayer and praying with the right motive in your heart?
 - John 14:13 – 14

 - John 15:7

 - John 15:16

 - John 16:23 – 24

 - 1 John 3:22 – 23

 - 1 John 5:14 – 15