



WHY WE HAVE NOT

James 4

- 1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?
- 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.
- 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
- 4 You adulterous people,[a] don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

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5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us[b]?

6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:
“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”[c]

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister[d] or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy.
But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

A photograph of a field of tall, dry grass at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by the grass, creating a bright lens flare. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The grass is golden-brown and backlit by the warm light of the setting sun.

Asking Amiss

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3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Amiss:
In a faulty way



Friendly With The World

A close-up, low-angle shot of a field of tall, golden-brown grasses. The sun is positioned low in the background, partially obscured by the grass, creating a bright, starburst-like lens flare effect. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall mood is warm and contemplative.

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