

The Wise Seek Peace

James 4:1-12

The troublemaker is at war with himself (4:1-3)

- Why do we do what we do? “*what causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?*” (1a)
 - Because we want what we want. “*you desire*” (1b-2)
 - James 1:13-15
- Why don't we get what we want?
 - Because you do not ask (2b)
 - James 1:17

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- Why don't we get what we want?
 - Because you ask for the wrong things (3a)
 - James 1:5
 - Because you ask for the right things in the wrong way
 - James 1:19-20
 - Because you ask for the right things for the wrong reasons (3b)
 - James 1:6-8

The troublemaker is at war with God (4:4-6)

- The troublemaker is adulterous (vs. 4a)
- The troublemaker is traitorous (vs. 4b)
- The troublemaker is idolatrous (vs. 5)
- The troublemaker is pompous (vs. 6)

The wise make peace with God (4:7-10)

- Humility submits (vs. 7)
- Humility seeks (vs. 8a)
- Humility repents (vs. 8b)
- Humility hurts (vs. 9)
- Humility heals (vs. 10)

The wise live at peace with others (4:11-12)

- The wise control their tongue (4:11a; 3:1-13)
- The wise don't show favoritism (4:11b; 2:8-11)
- The wise are doers of the Word (4:11c; 2:12-13; 1:22-25)