

James 4:1-12 - Lesson 10 - Why Are There Problems?

True Problem	Fruit to Root	Why Are There Quarrels?	Spiritual Adultery
<p>We have a heart problem - spills over with our tongue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jer 17:9 - heart is deceitful and exceedingly sick - Jer 7:24 - man walks by his own counsel and stubbornness of his evil heart - moving backwards and not forward - Ps14:1-3; 53:1-3 - fool says there is no God - he becomes corrupt and commits abominable deeds <p>Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nothing that we can do - God changes the heart when we enter in to a covenant with Him - Now walk in newness of life - Ro 6:4 <p>Now we have a new life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dying to the world, self, the old, sinful nature - Putting on of the new man, creature - I John 2:15-17 - don't love the world - we don't pursue it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quarrels and conflicts - Seeking your own pleasure - Lust, envy, jealousy, selfish-ambition - Mind/heart issue - unregenerate heart - unchanged heart - Never entered into a new covenant - Not a true <p>How is this possible?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt 13:24-30 - wheat and the tares - Jude 4 - certain person crept into the churches - Mt 7:15-23 - wolves in sheep's clothing, they're known by their fruits, those who call Lord, Lord - II Pe 2:1-3 - false teachers that are introducing destructive doctrines - maligning the way of truth - I Jn 4:1-6 - distinguishing between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error <p>For ages unbelievers have been mingling with the believers - Satan slips in the false to distort the truth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - source is their pursuit of pleasure (lusts) = #G2237 - hedone - hedonism = sensual self-indulgence - Pleasures are linked with passionate uncontrollable desires that mark an unbeliever (Jm 1:14; Eph 2:3; II Tim 3:4; Titus 3:3; II Pe 2:13; Jude 18) - Members - members within your own body (Ro 6:13, 19) - speaking about fallen human nature - an unbeliever can't fight the power of evil desires - Lost in their lusts and their mind runs rampant (hatred, anger, jealousy, bitterness) - Don't have because you don't ask - they aren't willing to come to God in God's way, under God's authority, living in obedience - You ask with wrong motives (3) - to spend it on your own pleasures spirit 	<p>Spiritual unfaithfulness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - true believers are described as the bride of Christ - II Cor 11:2-3; Eph 5:23-32; Rev 19:7-8; Ez 6:9-10 - James describes professing Christians that identify with the body of Christ (wheat and tares) - Friendship is a covenant term - Strong emotional attachment - longing for the things of the world - Evidence of an unrepentant heart - Anyone who loves the world makes himself an enemy of God - Their desire is not for God <p>Desire for the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eph 2:1-3 - Satan's domain, disobedience to God, lusts of the flesh, indulging the flesh - we were dead when we walked in these - Titus 2:12 - deny ungodliness and worldly desires and live sensibly - I Jn 2:15-17 - don't love the things of the world that appeal to our lust and pride - Ro 12:2 - don't be conformed to this world - transformed by the renewing of our minds

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Greater Grace (6)	10 Commandments (7-10)	Judging (11-12)
<p>What is His greater grace?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - piece of hope in the world of darkness - Greater than anything we may encounter - Greater than Satan himself (I Jn 4:4) <p>How do we receive this grace?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confession of sin - Seek His strength, comfort, help - Acknowledgment that His grace is sufficient - Humble ourselves before Him <p>Who receives the grace?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humble - Humbleness is a characteristic of all believers - Is 57:15; 66:2; Mt 18:3-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit to God (bride to her bridegroom) - Resist the devil - Draw near to God - pursue an intimate relationship with God - Cleanse the hands - ceremonial cleansing - confessing sin before coming to God - Purify your hearts - internal cleansing - your thoughts, your minds - Be miserable - be broken over our sin - to see it as God sees it - Mourn - internal response to the brokenness - Weep - outward manifestation of our inward sorrow - Let your laughter be turned into mourning - Jude 4 - a flippant attitude to those who pursue worldly pleasures - Ro 1:28-32 - Humble yourself - making yourself low 	<p>Don't speak against each other - slander, defame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt 18:15-17 - go one on one to talk to someone about their sin, next - take one or two others - next, take it to the church - treat him as a Gentile or a tax collector (I Cor 5:9-13) - Acts 20:31 - admonish one another (I Cor 4:14; Col 1:28) - Titus 1:13 - reprove the rebellious severely - Titus 2:15 - speak, exhort, reprove with all authority - Titus 3:10 - reject the one who is divisive - Mt 7:1-6, 15-20 - be careful with how we judge - can't be careless, critical, derogatory - make sure our hearts are clean before helping someone else <p>To speak against a brother is setting yourself up to judge and condemn them - they are disregarding God's laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mk 12:31 - love your neighbor as yourself - Ro 13:8-10 - do no wrong to a neighbor - Gal 5:13-16 - take care not to consume one another <p>When they refuse to submit to the Law they make themselves judges of the law One Law Giver - One Judge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jn 3:17-18 (Jn 12:48) - condemned by their unbelief - I Cor 4:5 - God will bring all things to light