

International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

James 4:1-10 Application

- 1. Prayerful self-examination can help us discover if we have passions at war within us that may be causing us to fight and quarrel with others.
- 2. We need to adopt the ways of Jesus Christ and guard against bringing the world's ways into the church, where neither murder nor coveting have any place.
- 3. We should not pray for God to gratify our selfish desires and passions, for He will not do so. He made discipline us for doing so.
- 4. By trying to become friends with the world, we make ourselves enemies of God, which indicates we have enmity (hatred and hostility) toward God.
- 5. God gives more grace, so we need to submit to God and resist the devil; draw near to God and God will draw near to us; cleanse our hands and purify our hearts; humble ourselves before the Lord and truly mourn for having sinned against our gracious, loving, forgiving, and glorious God.

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes