



WINNING THE WAR WITHIN – Part 1

Whose Side Are You On?

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James 4:1 (ESV), “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that **your passions are at war within you?**”

Romans 7:21-23, “**21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law **waging war** against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.”

1. Know God’s _____.

James 4:2-3 (ESV), “You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, **because you do not ask.** **3** You ask and do not receive, because **you ask wrongly**, to spend it on your **passions.**”

1 John 5:13-15 (ESV), “**13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that **if we ask anything according to his will**, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, **we know that we have the requests** that we have asked of him.”

2. Know your _____.

James 4:4a (ESV), “You adulterous people! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God?**”

Isaiah 54:5, “For **your Maker is your husband**, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.”

James 4:4b (ESV), “Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world **makes himself an enemy of God.**”

John 15:18-19, “**18** “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because **you are not of the world**, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

1 John 2:15, “**Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

Matthew 6:24, “**No one can serve two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other...”

1 Peter 5:8, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil** prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

3. Know to whom you _____.

James 4:5 (ESV), “Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns **jealously** over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?”

James 2:2, “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus, says the Lord, “I remember the devotion of your youth, **your love as a bride**, how you followed me in the wilderness.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “**19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price.** So, glorify God in your body. For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and **they shall be my people.**”

James 4:6 (ESV), “But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, “God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble.**”

1 Peter 5:5, “Likewise, you who are younger, **be subject to the elders.** Clothe yourselves, all of you, with **humility** toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble.**”

Proverbs 3:34, “Toward the scorners he is scornful, but **to the humble He gives favor.**”
