LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 02 Sept. .................. Galatians 1:1-24 .......................... True Gospel
2) 09 Sept. .................. Galatians 2:1-21 .......................... True Grace
3) 16 Sept. .................. Galatians 3:1-22 .......................... True Life
4) 23 Sept. .................. Galatians 3:23-26 .......................... True Heirs
5) 30 Sept. .................. Galatians 4:9-31 .......................... True Freedom
6) 07 Oct. .................. Galatians 5:1-26 .......................... True Fruit
7) 14 Oct. .................. Galatians 6:1-18 .......................... True Compassion
9) 28 Oct. .................. James 1:19-27 .......................... With Obedience
10) 04 Nov. .............. James 2:1-26 .......................... With Works
11) 11 Nov. .............. James 3:1-12 .......................... With Control
12) 18 Nov. .............. James 4:1-17 .......................... With Submission
13) 25 Nov. .............. James 5:1-20 .......................... With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

- James 4 provides more proverbial statements from dealing with quarrels, resisting the Devil, submitting, judging, and how to be happy.

### Passage: James 4:1

**God is a Jealous God**

- v1. Why do some get passionate about their issues?
- v2. Is there ever a good reason to raise a Red Flag and say, “Hey, we have a problem here!”
- v3. Recall the sins of 5 of the 7 churches in Rev 2-3, such as being dead (Sardis); lacking love (Ephesus), holding to false teachings (Pergamum); tolerating immorality (Thyatira), and having wealth but no zeal (Laodicea). You wonder if some made a stand to challenge sin in the camp, and if they were rendered useless and possibly seen as a threat as Caleb and Joshua were. Num 14:6-10
- v4. How do we differentiate between malcontents who voice a valid major problem or two, which should be addressed, from others who voice menial issues?
- v5. Does it take God’s wisdom to figure things out?
- v6. Do we fight the problem now or later or never?
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### Passage: James 4:2-3

**Ask with Right Motives to Receive Answered Prayers**

- BUT, does this mean we can pray for ANYTHING and God will give it? Are there any EXCEPTIONS?
- God has Down Syndrome these days; or an amputated leg; Breast Cancer, or even a paper cut supernaturally and instantaneously these days?
- Does God heal Down Syndrome these days; or an amputated leg; Breast Cancer, or even a paper cut supernaturally and instantaneously these days?
- v4: James changed his tone from addressing them as “my brothers” to “you adulterers...” (James 4:4). OUCH!
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### Conclusion / Applications

- **OBERDENCE** to God’s word is the key to submitting to Him, resisting the Devil, cleaning up dirty hands and impure hearts, living joyfully

### Next Week: James 5

More proverbial sayings: Avoid the trapings of earthly wealth, be patient, do not complain, endure like Job, the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, do not swear, pray if you are suffering, confess your sins and pray to be healed, and turn sinners around.

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