

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: August 2, 2023**  
**James 4:1-12**

1. What question does James begin this text by asking? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What, according to James, causes fights and quarrels in the church?
  - a. When somebody else does something that is out of your control.
  - b. The desires that battle within us.
  - c. You want what you don't have...maybe what somebody else has.
  - d. When you don't get what you want, you tear the other person down...
3. Why, according to 4:2-3, do you not have what you want?
  - a. Because the people around us are out to get us.
  - b. Because life isn't fair.
  - c. Because we don't ask God.
  - d. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives...
  - e. Even when you ask, your desire is for your own pleasure instead of God's will.
4. Why, according to 4:4, is it a problem to ask for things for our own pleasure?
  - a. Desiring our own pleasure instead of His amounts to adultery or unfaithfulness.
  - b. Friendship with the world is enmity against God?
  - c. Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.
5. Why, according to 4:5, does God have a problem with our worldly desires?
  - a. Because He doesn't want us to have fun.
  - b. Because He jealously longs for the spirit that he has caused to dwell in us.
  - c. Because He is the only God and He wants our lives to be guided by the desires He had for us when He created us.
6. What does 4:6-8 tell us to do when we receive the grace that he has given us?
  - a. Rest in that grace.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ from you.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and he will \_\_\_\_\_ to you.
  - d. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
  - e. Grieve, mourn and wail.
  - f. Humble yourselves before the Lord.
7. How does James close this section addressing fights within the church, according to 4:11?
  - a. He says that you really aren't going to get around this sort of fight.
  - b. He tells us, "do not slander each other."
  - c. He says that "Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister speaks against the law.
  - d. He reminds us that this is not keeping the law.
8. Is there a quarrel that you need to resolve? \_\_\_\_\_  
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