



James 4:1-5 *"Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?"²You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.⁴Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?"*

1. **The _____ of Conflicts and Strife**
(vs 1)
Pleasure – hedonism – to satisfy self – personal goals before God's Will
2. **The _____ of Unanswered Prayer**
(vs 2, 3, Luke 22:42, 1 John 5:14-15)
Lust – to desire strongly – any intense longing – an inner attitude
3. **An _____ or a _____ of God**
(vs 4, Jeremiah 3:1-5, 8, 13, Hosea 1:2, Ezekiel 23, James 4:5)
Friendship with the world – a deliberate choice to follow the way of the world.

Let's analyze our prayers. If they are usually for our own convenience, comfort or pleasure, it's time to change our praying. Prayer isn't a time to give orders but to report for duty.