

The Life of Self-Gratification Living Wisely, Part 3

活出真正的信心 - 满足自我的生命 (三)

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? (2) You 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. (4) Adulterers 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"?

雅各书 4:1-5 你们中间的争战斗殴是从那里来的呢？不是从你们百体中战斗之私欲来的吗？(2) 你们贪恋，还是得不著；你们杀害嫉妒，又斗殴争战，也不能得。你们得不著，是因为你们不求。(3) 你们求也得不著，是因为你们妄求，要浪费在你们的宴乐中。(4) 你们这些淫乱的人（原文作淫妇）哪，岂不知与世俗为友就是与神为敌吗？所以凡想要与世俗为友的，就是与神为敌了。(5) 你们想经上所说是徒然的吗？神所赐、住在我们里面的灵，是恋爱至於嫉妒吗？

1. The **SOURCE** of Conflicts and Strife (vs 1)

争战斗殴的**源头** (vs 1)

Pleasure – hedonism – to satisfy self – personal goals before God's Will

寻欢作乐—享乐主义 — 满足自我 — 一个人目标高于神的旨意

2. The **CAUSE** of Unanswered Prayer (vs 2, 3, Luke 22:42, 1 John 5:14-15)

求也得不着的**原因** (vs 2, 3, 路 22:42, 约一 5:14-15)

Lust – to desire strongly – any intense longing – an inner attitude

妄求—强烈的欲望 -- 任何激烈的欲望 -- 一个内在的态度

3. An **ENEMY** or a **FRIEND** of God (vs 4, Jeremiah 3:1-5, 8, 13, Hosea 1:2, Ezekiel 23, James 4:5)

与神为**敌**还是与神为**友** (vs 4, 耶 3:1-5, 8, 13, 何 1:2, 结 23, 雅 4:5)

Friendship with the world – a deliberate choice to follow the way of the world.

与世俗为友的 -- 故意选择跟从世俗的道路

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.

让我们来省察自己的祷告。如果它们常常是为求我们自己的方便，舒服，作乐，是时候改变我们的祷告了。祷告不是向神下命令，而是带着责任感向神汇报。