

Questions to Consider — Lesson 16 — “Wars and Worldliness” — James 4:1-4

1. Read James chapter 4. (a) According to James 4:1-4, what is the source of fighting? (b) How does this attitude manifest a desire to be a friend of the world? (c) Why do you think James calls these people adulterers and adulteresses?
2. Memorize James 4:4.
3. (a) What are the ways in which Oholah (Samaria) and Oholibah (Jerusalem) were committing spiritual adultery in Ezekiel 23? (b) How does God say that He will judge them?
4. (a) In Mark 10:35-45, what was the problem with what James and John were asking of Jesus? (b) Does Jesus grant their request? (c) How does this relate to what James says in 4:1-3? (d) What principle(s) can you glean for your prayer life?
5. Read Matthew 7:7-11. (a) Does this passage mean that God will give me anything I ask Him for? (b) Why or why not? Prove your answer from Scripture.
6. Evaluate your prayer life. (a) Are you asking for things amiss so that you may spend them on your pleasures? In what ways? (b) Or do your prayers include “Thy will be done?” How does this manifest itself? (c) Do you want God to be glorified or do you just want relief from your difficulty? Give examples.
7. (a) How do you demonstrate self-will (wanting things your way) in your own life? (b) What can you do to put that off and demonstrate God’s will instead?
8. What are some ways in which you think you may be committing “spiritual adultery” (being a friend of the world)?
9. After meditating on question 6, what changes need to be made in your prayer life? What is your prayer to God?