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# FAITH THAT WORKS

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**Who's calling  
the shots?**

**FAITH  
THAT  
WORKS**

# What causes fights?

James 4:1

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desires: envy & selfish ambition

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**What causes fights and quarrels among you?  
Don't they come from your desires that battle  
within you?**

# What causes fights?

desires: envy & selfish ambition

James 4:2

**You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.**

HOW DO YOU  
RESPOND WHEN  
YOU DON'T GET  
WHAT YOU WANT?



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desires: envy & selfish ambition

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# Trouble with prayer?

A question of motive

James 4:2-3

**You do not have because you do not ask God.  
When you ask, you do not receive, because  
you ask with wrong motives, that you may  
spend what you get on your pleasures.**



WHAT IS the  
MOTIVE  
OF YOUR  
PRAYER?

# Not an upgrade

A new operating system

James 4:4

**You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.**

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James 4:5

**Or do you think Scripture says without reason  
that he jealously longs for the spirit he has  
caused to dwell in us**



# More Grace!

We can't change ourselves

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why  
Scripture says:  
'God opposes the proud  
but shows favour to the humble.'

# Changing the operating system

## 1. Submit to God

James 4:7

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. ...**

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## 1. Submit to God

**Ecclesiastes 5:2**

**Do not be quick with your mouth,  
do not be hasty in your heart  
to utter anything before God.  
God is in heaven  
and you are on earth,  
so let your words be few.**



# Changing the operating system

## 2. Resist the Devil

James 4:7

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

# Changing the operating system

## 3. Engage your heart

James 4:8

**Come near to God and he will come near to  
you.**

WHAT helps  
YOU DRAW  
NEAR TO  
GOD?



# Changing the operating system

## 4. clean yourself up

James 4:8

**Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

# Changing the operating system

## 5. get serious

James 4:9

**Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.**

# Changing the operating system

## 5. get serious

James 4:9 (The Message)

**Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.**



# Changing the operating system

## The Promise!

James 4:10

**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will  
lift you up.**

WHERE do  
YOU NEED TO  
SUBMIT TO  
GOD TODAY?

