



**As followers of Jesus Christ
our motivation is to bring
glory to God**



**Before sin manifests in our
members, it materializes in
our minds**

James 4:1-4



When we elevate **earthly
wisdom or we attempt to
blend worldly wisdom with
Godly wisdom we **reject** God**





MOTIVATION

James 3:17-4:1



**Godly wisdom brings about peace,
however, presently these believers
were experiencing quarrels
and conflicts**

**“Among you” = implies that these
quarrels and conflicts were
apparently an ongoing practice
among these believers**



“Quarrels” = refers to large military engagements (it’s a state of being in **war and strife** – along with lasting resentment connected with it)

“Conflict” = refers to hand-to-hand (one-on-one) **combat** – these were contests which were fought with **weapons**



**At the root, we're selfish
and we put ourselves
ahead of others**



**“Pleasures” = feelings that please
one’s self, pursuit of
self-satisfaction; selfish desires
(the main goal of this life is to seek
and acquire personal pleasure)**

James 4:1-3



Internally, **sin was allowed to sprout (they didn't **flee**)**

**“Ask” = (Greek middle voice)
“you **ask** for yourself”**



What's the **purpose of our prayers? When we pray, we **align** ourselves to God's plan**

James 4:4



**Problem: you're NOT putting
God in His **rightful place**
(you're focused on **yourselves**
and your pleasures rather
than God)**



“Friendship” = this type of friendship is an attachment, it’s uniting yourself to beliefs and practices that are the exact opposite of God

