



## Review – Two kinds of wisdom

Disorder  
Every Evil Thing



Man's Wisdom

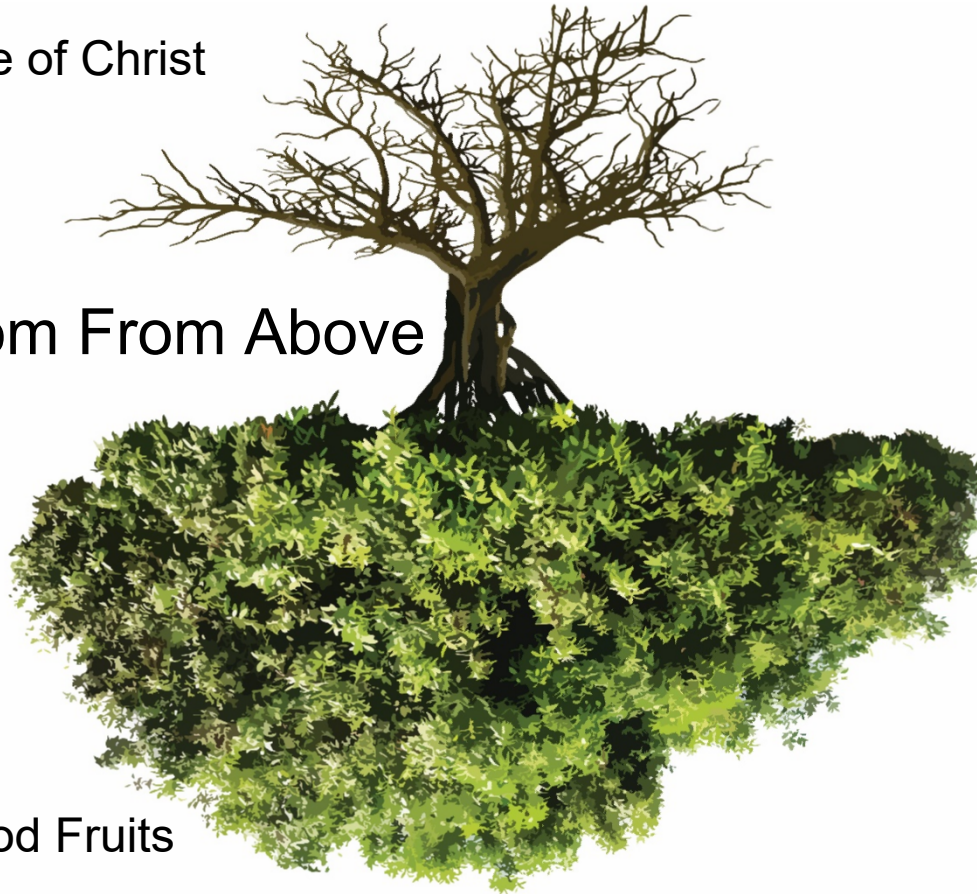
Bitter Jealousy  
Selfish Ambition



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The Nature of Christ

Wisdom From Above



Full of Good Fruits

“And the seed who’s fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” James 3:18



### **James 4:1-4 [NASB]**

1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; [so] you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; [so] you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend [it] on your pleasures. 4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



## Verse 1

### Q: Where is this war raging?

From where [come] wars and from where [come] fights among you?

- Greek interlinear

among = ἐν = in

Rom 7:22-23 [NASB]

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,  
23 but I see a different law in the members of my body,  
waging war against the law of my mind and making me a  
prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.



## Verse 1

### Q: Where is this war raging?

- 1 ἐν = in or among
- 2 The word “you” is in the plural
- 3 The context shows us that the source of the war is “envy” (of what others have), and results in “murder” (a sin against others)



## Verse 1

**Q: Why is this war going on within the Church?**

“Is not the source your pleasures...”

pleasures/ lusts/ passions (not sexual as English may imply)

In the context of Chapter 3, James is referring to the “jealous” desires, and “selfish ambitions” that are at the root of earthly wisdom.



## Verse 1

“...your pleasures which wage war in your members?”

Στρατευομένων (present, middle, participle) = warring

To make military expedition, to lead soldiers to war or to battle

- Larry Pierce BLB

James 3:5-6 [NASB]

5 So also the tongue is a small **part [melos]** of the body, and [yet] it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, the [very] world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our **members [melesin]** as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of [our] life, and is set on fire by hell.



## Verse 2

**You lust and you do not have; so you commit murder.**

**You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel.**

1John 3:15 Everyone who **hates his brother** is a **murderer...**

James 2:10-11

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one [point,] he has become guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT **MURDER.**" Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

**We are not under this law! We are under "the law of liberty!"**





## Verse 2b - 3

**You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.**

**Q: Prosperity gospel???**

James 1:5 But if you lack **wisdom**, let him ask God, who gives generously without reproach, and **it will be given to him.**

**God is not interested in giving us wisdom when we ask with selfish motives!**



## Verse 4

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James 1:11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.



## Conclusion

**Earthly wisdom used for my own benefit will produce results that wither and fade away! Wisdom that comes down from above, is freely given to those who ask for it out of the selfless character of Christ, in order to be used for the benefit of all the brethren!**