

The Causes of Temptation and Wrongdoing

James 04: 01–06

1 Lust, evil desires:
*The passion for pleasure
 and gratification
 that rages within the body*

2 Distrust:
*Seeking something
 and never trusting God
 or asking God for it*

3 Praying amiss:
Praying with the wrong motive

4 Worldliness:
Friendship with the world

5 Conclusion:
The cure

- a. Knowing
 that the Spirit of God
 yearns over us with jealousy
- b. Knowing
 that God gives the humble believer
 but God opposes the proud

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

2 You want something but don't get it.
 You kill and covet,
 but you cannot have what you want.
 You quarrel and fight.
 You do not have,
 because you do not ask God.

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

4 You adulterous people,
 don't you know
 that friendship with the world
 is hatred toward God?
 Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world
 becomes an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think
 Scripture says without reason
 that the spirit he caused to live in us
 envies intensely?

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

The The Way to Overcome Temptation

James 04: 07–10

1 **Step 1:**
***Submit to God —
resist the devil***

2 **Step 2:**
Draw near to God and repent
a. Must have clean hands
b. Must have a pure heart

3 **Step 3:**
***Be disciplined and deeply —
mournfully — concerned***

4 **Step 4:**
Humble yourself

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

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

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

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