

“GIVE UP A SIMPLE PLEASURE”

*-Go after a life of humility before God and others–
James 4:1-10*

Introduction:

I. Our conflicts with others can often be traced to a more significant conflict within: our desire for _____.
vv.1-3

A. This desire is both _____ and _____.vv.1-2a

B. This desire can be _____. v.2b-3

1. Our desires point us to the _____ who alone can satisfy our deepest longings. v.2
2. Our desires however, have the power to twist our understanding of _____. v.3

II. This internal conflict can make us _____ of war. vv.4-5

A. We become spiritually unfaithful, posing as _____ of God.

1. Perhaps this is because we have underestimated God’s demand for _____. v.4
2. Perhaps this is because we have underestimated God’s desire for _____. v.5

III. There is good news: God gives us more _____.vv.6-10

A. Going after humility requires _____. v.6, 10

B. Going after humility requires _____: vv.7-10

1. We must _____ to God (different than obedience).v.7a
2. We must _____ the devil (and he will flee).v.7b
3. We must come _____ to God.v.8a
4. We must change some _____.v.8b
5. We must change some _____.v.8c
6. We must _____ with passion.v.9
7. We must _____ ourselves.v.10