

James 4:3-5

Spiritual Adultery

1. The Impotent Pursuit of _____ : (2c-3)

- a. You pursue what you desire without _____: *–Matt 7:8-9*
 - i. Because you are too busy _____ with others. *–Jam 4:1-2*
 - ii. Because you walk in _____:
 - 1. Which _____ for what it desires. *–Jam 3:16; 4:2*
 - 2. Which _____ for what it covets. *–Jam 3:16; 4:2*
- b. Or, you ask _____:
 - i. Your prayers are _____. *–Jam 1:5-8, 16-18*
 - 1. God is _____ and only gives _____ gifts. *–Jam 1:5, 16-18*
 - 2. The _____ should not expect to receive. *–Ezek 14:1-7*
 - ii. You are really a worshiper of your _____:
 - 1. Either a desire for something _____. *–Jam 4:10-12*
 - 2. Or a desire for something _____ valued too _____. *–Gen 30:1*

2. The Deadly Danger of Spiritual _____ : (4-5)

- a. Such pursuit of pleasure is really adultery against _____:
 - i. Israel broke her _____ with the LORD. *–Jer 3:6-11; Ezek 16*
 - ii. Christians break their _____ with Christ. *–2 Cor 11:1-3*
- b. Friendship with the world is enmity with God:
 - i. Therefore whoever _____ to be a friend of the world...
 - 1. By loving its _____. *–James 2:1-12; 1 John 2:15-17*
 - 2. By adopting its _____ and _____. *–Matt 6:31-34*
 - ii. ...Makes himself God's _____:
 - 1. Because you cannot _____ two masters. *–Matt 6:24*
 - 2. Because worldliness is the _____. *–Rom 5:1*
- c. Because our God is very _____ for us:
 - i. The _____ testifies to this. *–Ex 20:5; 34:14; Deut 6:14-15*
 - ii. He _____ us, and yearns for our _____. *–Eph 5:25-26*

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You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?.