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4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so 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.



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You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, 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 he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.'



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- **Self-importance**
- **Self-reliance**
- **Self-indulgence**



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Self-importance :

“Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.”

Romans 12:3



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Self-reliance:

“Don’t worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.”

Philippians 4:6



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Self-indulgence:

“So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolator, worshipping the things of the world.”

Colossians 3:5



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Our relationships with one another:

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves.”

Philippians 2:3



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Our relationship with God:

“No-one can serve two masters. Either you will hate one and love the other or you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t serve both God and money.”

Matthew 6:24



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