

- The dangerous place is not _____ God's will for your life, but when you're _____ of His will for your life.
 - God's plan for your life is an expression of His _____ for you.

a. Man has a _____

James 4:13 *Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:*

- Bottom Line—Our plan is usually to ignore God's will and follow our own will by devising a well-orchestrated and God _____ plan.

b. Man has a _____

James 4:14 *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

c. God has a _____

James 4:15 *For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*

Acts 18:21 *But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.*

1 Corinthians 4:19 *But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.*

John 4:34 *Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

Psalms 119:105 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

d. God has a _____

James 4:16-17 *But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. 17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*

- Bottom Line—The problem is, most of the time man chooses to _____ God's will.



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Chapter 4: The Battles We Fight

James 1:4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

1. Why do we _____?

2 Corinthians 12:20 *For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:*

Psalms 133:1 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

- _____ struggles are often symptoms of _____ struggles.

a. _____

James 4:1-4 *From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

- **The real problem is not a struggle between people but a struggle _____ people.**

Isaiah 53:6 *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

- There are Four Negative Characteristics mentioned here.
 - _____ Passion—*Ye lust, and have not*
 - _____ Passion—*ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain*

- _____ Passion—yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
- _____ Passion—Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

b. _____

James 4:4-5 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God* 5 *Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?*

Jeremiah 3:20 *Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.*

2 Timothy 3:4 *Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

2 Timothy 4:10 *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world...*

- Love of the world leads to _____ to the world.

1 John 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

2. How do we _____?

James 4:6 *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

- The same grace that saves us, _____ us do right in spite of the pressures of the world.

a. _____

James 4:7 *Submit yourselves therefore to God...*

Romans 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

- In a spiritual battle _____ **surrender** to God is the only way to **spiritual** victory.

b. _____

...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8-9 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

Matthew 4:4 *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

c. _____

James 4:8 *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...*

- You are as close to God as you have _____ to be.

d. _____

James 4:8 *...Cleanse your hands, ye sinners...*

Psalms 24:3-4 *Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

e. _____

...and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

f. _____

James 4:9 *Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.*

Romans 7:24 *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

- We don't view what we are doing as wrong when we don't view it from _____ perspective.

g. _____

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

Matthew 23:12 *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted*

1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

h. _____

James 4:11-12 *Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. 12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?*

Psalms 101:5 *Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.*

3. _____ do we follow?