



**KEEP
CALM**

| LIFE IS COMPLICATED |

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Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12

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The Complication of Desire

James 4:1-5

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Notes:

James 4:1-5

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The impulse of fallen humanity undermines the intent of a biblical community.

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Are You Harboring a Destructive _____?

"A person not at peace with himself can surely not be at peace with his associates."

—Vernon Doerksen

Notes:

You desire

epithumia (burn within)

You murder

nurture a killer instinct (**Matthew 5:21-22**)

You covet

"Every crime in this world has come from a desire which was first only a feeling in the heart, but which being nourished long enough came in the end to action"

—William Barclay

You fight and quarrel

Notes:

PASSIONS

Gk. = *hedone* ("Hedonism")

"...enjoyment derived from the fulfillment of one's desire or the craving for pleasure itself—gratification." —*Life My Way*

"The New Testament is clear that this overmastering desire for the pleasures of this world is always a threatening danger to the spiritual life... The ultimate choice in life lies between pleasing oneself and pleasing God; and a world in which men's first aim is to please themselves is a world in which there is a battleground of savagery and division."

—William Barclay

Are You Housing a Divided _____?

Notes:

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

 **God will never accept less than total allegiance.**

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Christian Hedonist: "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him."

—John Piper

"The most miserable man in the world is not an unsaved man. The most miserable man in the world is a child of God out of fellowship with God." —Adrian Rogers

Are You Hiding Devious _____?

Notes:



Prayer is not a formula to get our will on earth, but an altar of faith to embrace God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:7-13

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You can never expect God to bless your schemes.

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Matthew 7:7-11

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**Are You Having
a Deceitful _____?**

James 4:4-5

- Adultery** > **Isaiah 1:21**
> **Jeremiah 3:20**
> **Hosea 1-3**

Notes:

“God is infinitely jealous for His people and He will oppose with divine force anything or anybody who threatens their good. God is jealous for the affections of your heart as a follower of Christ.” —David Platt

Collision of World Views

God is the origin and center of all of life.	vs.	Man is the focus and center of all things.
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“The world is human nature sacrificing the spiritual to the material, the future to the present, the unseen and the eternal to that which touches the senses and perishes in time. “The world is a mighty flood of thoughts, feelings, principles of action, conventional prejudices, dislikes, attachments, which have been gathering around human life for ages, impregnating it, impelling it, molding it, degrading it.” —Richard Wolff



Our friendship with this world causes us to “unfriend” our relationship with God.

Notes:

“Obedience to the will of God draws men together, for it is the will of God that men should love and serve one another; obedience to the craving for pleasure drives men apart, for pleasure drives men to an internecine rivalry and competition and warfare for the same things. To obey the will of God is to be essentially selfless; to serve the will of pleasure is to be essentially selfish.”

—William Barclay

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
—Joseph M. Scriven*



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