



## FACE

**James 4:1**, *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?*

★ Before I have conflict with others, I have conflict within.

**2 Timothy 3:2-4**, *For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,*

**James 4:2-3**, *You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

★ If you desire something that God hasn't given you, do you trust Him, or do you seek out the thing you desire at any cost?

## EXAMINE MY

★ Christians ought to be the Ultimate Pleasure seekers!

**Psalms 34:8**, *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

**Psalms 16:11**, *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**Psalms 42:1-2**, *As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*

**Jeremiah 2:13**, *for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

★ "The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever." (John Piper's alteration to the opening line of the Westminster Confession)

**James 4:4-5**, *You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or 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"?*

## GET EVEN MORE

**James 4:6**, *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

★ "God gives what he demands." (Augustine)

**Hebrews 4:16**, *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**John 1:16**, *For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*



**BIBLE:** What scripture has most captured your attention this week?

**FAITH:** Is there some specific way in which God has been moving you to put your faith into action? What is it? How can your Grow Group help?

**THANKFULNESS:** What are we thanking God for today?

**OIKOS:** What opportunity is God giving you in your oikos relationships?

**SERMON:** What idea from this week's sermon are you attempting to apply?