

## War Because of What We Want

James 4:1-6

I. The source of war with \_\_\_\_\_ is because of what we \_\_\_\_\_ (1-3)

A. Uncontrolled \_\_\_\_\_ (1b)

- *What does my \_\_\_\_\_ want?*

B. Unfulfilled \_\_\_\_\_ (2-3)

- *What does my \_\_\_\_\_ expect?*

II. The source of war with \_\_\_\_\_ is because of what we \_\_\_\_\_ (4-6)

A. Friendship with the \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

- *Where do my \_\_\_\_\_ lie?*

B. Pride in our own \_\_\_\_\_ (6b)

- *Who is most \_\_\_\_\_ in my life?*

III. The solution to our \_\_\_\_\_ is what God \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

[Worldliness is] that system of values, in any given age, which has at its center our fallen human perspective, which displaces God and his truth from the world, and which makes sin look normal and righteousness seem strange. It thus gives great plausibility to what is morally wrong and, for that reason, makes what is wrong seem normal.

If you look in the New Testament, worldliness is not trivial at all. What you have, in fact, is a competing loyalty: anybody who loves the world cannot be a friend of God. That is how profound is the choice that we are making.

So the question is, where and in what ways have these antithetical, competing loyalties intruded into our souls unwittingly?

- David Wells