

I. Faith brings peace: vs. 1-3

- A. Where do wars and fightings among you come from?
1. The war in verse 1 is the overall (total) conflict.
 2. Fightings are the individual battles.
 3. Wars and battles come from a war of lusts in our members (our bodies).
 4. There is a conflict between the natural man and the spiritual man.
Paul said: *Romans 7:24, 25*
24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.
- B. We don't have what we want, because we leave God out of our lives: vs. 2, 3
1. We desire or lust, but we have not.
 2. We put forth fleshly effort, but we fail to get what we want.
 3. Why? We must ask God in faith (believing) for those things we want.
 4. We must ask for the right reason – not to consume it on ourselves – our lusts
- C. James warns against friendship with the world: vs. 4, 5
1. The world has never been a friend to God.
 2. To be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God.
 3. The Scripture is our source of truth.
- D. To whom does God give His grace? vs. 6 – 8
1. God resists the proud; God gives grace to those who are humble.
 2. God gives His grace to the humble.
 3. God admonishes us. We do not have an option: vs. 7 – 12
 - a. Submit yourself to God. Resist the devil. v. 7
 - b. Draw nigh (near) to God. Cleanse your hands. Purify your hearts. v. 8
 - c. Humble yourself before God. vs. 9, 10
 - d. Don't judge your Christian brother. v. 11
 - e. Only God is qualified to judge. Only God is able to save. Only God is able to destroy. v. 12

II. Depend on God: vs. 13 - 15

- A. Make plans based on God's will. Include God in all of your plans! v. 13
- B. You don't know the future. v. 14
- C. We must answer the question, "*What is your life?*"
1. It is a vapor
 2. It appears for a little while.
 3. It vanishes away – and after this the judgment.
 4. We should seek the will of God in everything we do.
1 Peter 1:24, 25
24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.
- D. There is a sin of omission (leaving something out; undone): vs. 16, 17
1. God can be left out of your life. God does not force you to do right.
 2. We know God.
 3. Do good.