



# **TALK** IS CHEAP

A STUDY OF JAMES

What causes **quarrels** and what causes **fight**s among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> 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**. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you **ask wrongly**, to spend it on your passions.

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**James 4:1–3**

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<sup>4</sup> You **adulterous** people! Do you not know that **friendship** with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an **enemy** of God. <sup>5</sup> 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"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes **the proud** but gives grace to **the humble**."

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**James 4:4–6**

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<sup>7</sup> **Submit** yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> **Draw near** to God, and he will draw near to you. **Cleanse** your hands, you sinners, and **purify** your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> **Be wretched** and **mourn** and **weep**. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> **Humble yourselves** before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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**James 4:7–10**

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<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is **only one lawgiver** and **judge**, he who is able to **save** and to **destroy**. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

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**James 4:11–12**

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<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. **All such boasting is evil.**

<sup>17</sup> So whoever **knows** the right thing to do and **fails to do** it, for him it is **sin**.

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**James 4:17**

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