

## **BE SLOW TO ANGER (PART 3):**

### **Hostility Towards God**

Text: James 4:2-6 Date: October 2, 2016

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- ❖ The 2<sup>nd</sup> instruction James gives on how to be “*slow to anger*” is:  
We must abstain from acting on earthly wisdom which reaps havoc on the body of Christ. (4:1-10)
- ❖ In this passage, James gives us 4 examples of the havoc caused when worldly wisdom with its self-gratification dominates the body of Christ.
- ❖ We will cover points 2 & 3 today.

#### **MAIN POINTS**

1. Self-gratification is the cause of wars and fighting. (v. 1-2)  
(REVIEW)
2. Self-gratification impairs prayer (v. 3)
  - A. You do not have because you think you are self-sufficient. (v.2)
  - B. You ask and do not receive because your motives are wrong. (v.3)
3. Self-gratification makes us enemies to God (v. 4-6)
  - A. Those who love the world are enemies to God. (v. 4)
  - B. Conflict with God reveals a disregard for Scripture. (v. 5)
  - C. Conflict with God forfeits His grace (v.6)
4. Self-gratification demands our need to repent (v. 7-10)