

BE SLOW TO ANGER (PART 4): Hostility Towards God

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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ The second 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 3 & 4 today.

MAIN POINTS

1. Self-gratification is the cause of wars and fighting. (v. 1-2) (REVIEW)
2. Self-gratification impairs prayer (v. 3)
3. Self-gratification makes us enemies to God (v. 4-6)
 - A. Those who love the world are in conflict with God. (v. 4)
 - B. Conflict with God demonstrates 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)
 - A. Submit to God, resist the Devil (v.7)
 - B. Draw near to God for cleansing (v.8)
 - C. Humble yourself before God (v.9-10)