

Faith Alive!

Malcontent or Well Content?

James 4:1-3

*We have met the enemy
...and they is us!*

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Vs. 1 – The Root Problem Identified Within The Symptoms: ‘fights and quarrels’

- *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another...*
 - Acts 6:1 ff. ????
 - I Cor 1:10-12 ????
 - II Cor 12:20 ????
 - Phil 4:2 ????
 - Acts 16:36 ff. ????

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Vs. 1 – The Root Problem Identified Within

The Symptoms: ‘fights and quarrels’

The Source: inappropriate desires within

- **The root issue of problems between people lies within people!**
- **‘desires,’ ‘evil desires,’ ‘selfish desires,’ ‘lusts’**
- **Wanting, needing, enjoying – these are not wrong in themselves...**

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Vs. 1 – The Root Problem Identified Within

Vs. 2,3 – The Pathology Report: Malcontent

We assume we know what we need and want and then demand how our needs must be met. Then when it doesn't happen we take matters into our own hands...

- **You want something but don't get it so you commit murder**
- **You are envious and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel**
- **You do not have because you do not ask God (and when you do ask...)**

At real issue: malcontent with God and His ways – See Gen 3 & Is 14

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Reflection and Personal Application

- **Don't kid yourself. The problem is ... you!**
- **God's solution: Learning to be 'Well Content'**
II Cor 12:10
Phil 4:11