**ATTENTION CLASSMATES: DON’T PRINT THIS IF YOU STILL HAVE YOUR NOTES FROM LAST WEEK 5/19/2020. WE DID NOT FINISH THE STUDY/DISCUSSION LAST TUESDAY. SO WE WILL DISCUSS JAMES 3:18—AND 4:1-3 AND 4:7-8**

**James 3:18 -4:1-3 and 7-8
Tuesday Bible Study—5-26-2020**

**3:18 “Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace”**

Jews thought of righteousness as conforming to Torah law. What about Christians?

**4:1 “Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don’t they come from your pleasures** **that war in your members?”**

Although James has spoken of peace in 3:18, peace is often elusive. Nations are divided, often violently. Sadly, we all too often see wars and fightings even in the church.

EXAMPLES IN OUR WORLD?

**4:2 “You lust, and don’t have. You kill, covet, and can’t obtain. You fight and make war”**

YOUR THOUGHTS??

**“You don’t have, because you don’t ask.
4:3 You ask, and don’t receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures”**

Asking in this instance refers to asking in prayer. One fault would be failing to pray. Another fault would be praying selfishly.

**4:7 “Be subject** **therefore to God”**

I believe the natural order of things calls for us to subject ourselves to God. THOUGHTS??

**“But resist the devil, and he will flee from you”**

Here we take a look at the other side of the coin. James promises that, if we resist the devil, the devil will get out of our lives. If we align ourselves to God and resist the devil, God will grant us victory over evil. ~~D~~EVIL-sorry, now I’m playing.

How do we sort out this dilemma?

**4:8 “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”**

Once again, James shows us the other side of the coin. If we draw near to God, we can be sure that God will draw near to us.

What traditional spiritual disciplines are necessary to show our loyalty to God?