

Rebellious Delights

James 4:1-7a

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1. What is the source of quarrels among us? When we quarrel with other believers there is something deeper at work in our fighting, that's why the source matters.
2. The source of our quarreling is our pleasures. These pleasures are 'Rebellious Delights'.
3. When we embrace our rebellious delights there will be quarrels and conflicts.
4. Diversity in the church is much different than division and disunity; there shouldn't be pride and arrogance.
5. Unless we reject our rebellious delights, we're going to rot from the inside out.
6. The people James is writing to are actively giving themselves to lust and envy. (a picture of Galatians 5:14-15)
7. Their relationship with these delights has effectively cut God out. They are self-dependent and self-focused. Pride keeps them from asking God for what they want, and when to do ask God, it's only to fuel destructive cravings. (James 4:3)
8. If we fail to reject our rebellious delights, we'll be fighting against God and tearing down His work. (James 4:4)
9. We are to be exclusively God's. Anger, pride, thinking you're better than someone else – that's friendship with the world – and it's turning away from God.
10. You must submit to God, surrender your will to God and His wisdom, even if you're feelings tell you differently. (James 4:7)
11. Jesus showed us the way to submit. He experienced every temptation for a rebellious delight, but He never gave into those pleasures – that way does not lead to life. (Titus 3:3-5)

QUOTES

“The word for “pleasure” does not necessarily mean sensual pleasures but that which is sweet and leads to sinful strife (like ambition, love of money or power).”
- A.T. Robertson

“The United States must be neutral in fact as well as in name during these days that are to try men’s souls. We must be impartial in thought as well as in action, must put a curb upon our sentiments as well as upon every transaction that might be construed as a preference of one party to the struggle before another.” -Woodrow Wilson

“God gives what He demands.” - Augustine.

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