

# Christianity For DUMMIES

Church Wars  
(our latest reality show?)

James 4:1–10

# 1. We Are At War With Each Other - (4:1a)

- He does not tell us specifically what the fighting and quarreling are about!
- Let us off the hook!

## 2. We Are At War With Ourselves (4:1b-3)-

- Passions is Greek "hedone" meaning pleasure, especially sensuous.
- The first thing he mentions is Selfish Living.
- Remember this, UNHAPPY people never enjoy life.
- James says our prayers are diseased, sick and full of bad intentions!

### 3. We Are At War With God (4:4-6)

- The root cause of every war (internal and external) is rebellion against God.

a. The World

b. The Flesh

c. The Devil

## 4. Prescription To Stop Wars (4:7-10)

a. Submit yourselves therefore to God.

b. Resist the devil...

c. Draw near to God

- A redeemed heart LONGS for communion with God!

d. Cleanse your hands-

e. Purify your hearts-

- A repentance from both this external behavior (*cleanse your hands*) and this internal attitude (*purify your hearts*).

f. Be wretched and mourn and weep-

g. Let your laughter be turned to mourning-

h. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.