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James 4:1-12

When I make my life (or my work or my church or my community) all about what _____, rather than making it about what God wants for myself and for others, it will inevitably lead to brokenness and strife.

Discussion 1. Think about your conversations with God, i.e., your prayer life. What percentage of it is about what you want from Him (as opposed to praising Him, confession/repentance, and just listening to Him)? What percentage of it do you think *should* be telling Him what you want?

As Christ followers, we each have conflicting spirits within us: God's Spirit and the world's (human) spirit. At any given moment, we ground our _____ in one or the other of them.

Discussion 2. For you personally, what are the things in your life that tend to feed the spirit of the world in you? What are the things in your life that tend to grow the Spirit of God in you?

Authentic faith does not mean perfection. But it does imply a certain trajectory or direction toward _____ before the Lord, regular repentance and submitting ourselves to His will for us individually and for the world around us.

Discussion 3. Discuss what kinds of positive steps need to happen in your daily or weekly routine in order to properly "recalibrate" spiritually on a regular basis?

It is the height of Christian arrogance when we _____, not because of their violation of God's laws per se, but because of their violations of our very narrow interpretations of God's laws, i.e., what the Pharisees did to Jesus.

Discussion 4. What are some practical steps we can take in our lives to help us avoid "adding to scripture" or otherwise holding fellow believers to standards that are not really scriptural?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?