

Women of Courage
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“Are we hearers only”

James 1:19-25 – My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that Jehovah desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at this face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect (complete) law that gives freedom and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 4:1-4 – What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You Covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask Jehovah. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against Jehovah? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of Jehovah.

1 Peter 2:22-23 – “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats, Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 – Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit (mind), for anger resides in the lap of fools.

Matthew 5: 22-24 – But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister ‘Raca’, is answerable to the court and anyone who says, ‘You fool’, will be in danger of the fire of hell. “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and

there, remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them, then come and offer your gift.

James 4:2 – KJV – “You Lust” – desire, set your mind to.

We covet – We will do what it takes to achieve what we desire no matter the cost. Then once it is achieved, we find most of the time it does not live up to our expectations, so arguments and quarrels commence among us. Not able to obtain what we desire can end badly and sometimes with bloodshed and death.

We, as well, to reach a desired outcome, will begin quarrels and rumors to get what we desire. To enable us to control the situation. Most of the time the blood is not shed physically, but division, hurt feelings, loss of people in your life become the bloodshed because we are putting aside the word of Jehovah and being disobedient to his instruction.

JFB – you have not, you kill – not in a literal sense – you kill & envy – you harass and oppress – through envy, hate and the desire to get out of the way, and so you are murderers in Jehovah’s eyes.

Wuest – Guile – Craftiness, deceit – 1 Peter 2:22

James – wrath – desire, reaching forth or excitement of the mind, violent passion.

Matthew 10:16

Ephesians 4:26-31

Psalms 4:4

Matthew 15:9

Mark 7:8-9

John 15:14,16

Colossians 3:8,21 – Anger issues

1 Samuel 15:22 – It is better to obey than sacrifice