

## Why Do Christians Quarrel?

James 4:1-6

**Introduction:** American television viewers are infatuated with reality T.V. shows. It seems like every season there is another reality show that stretches the limits of believability.

**The Thorny Question v. 1** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?

**The Evil Source of Conflicts v. 1** Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

- The wars **between** us are caused by the wars **within** us.

**The Christian life is a life of peace and power.**

**The Disappointing Description v. 2a** You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.

**The Real Solution v. 2b-3** You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

**Two Questions to ask:**

1. Have I prayed about this?
2. Do I want something for myself or do I truly want God's will?

**We are not called to love the differences, but we are called to love the people who have them.**

**Conclusion:** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18