

EVERYDAY SACRED

THE ATTITUDE THAT MAKES LIFE SACRED

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Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the **humility** that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter **envy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have **envy** and **selfish ambition**, there you find **disorder** and **every evil practice**.

James 3:13-16 NIV

FOUR SYMPTOMS OF “I” DISEASE

1. I am quick to _____

What causes **fight**s and **quarrels** among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle **within you**? James 4:1 NIV

2. I am continually _____

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 God. When you ask, you do not receive, because **you ask with wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:2-3 NIV

3. I am taken in by the _____

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with **the world** means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of **the world** becomes an enemy of God.

James 4:4 NIV (See also James 4:5)

4. I take joy in _____

Don't **speak evil against each other**, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. James 4:11 NLT

HOW TO CURE MY “I” PROBLEM

But he gives us more **grace**. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the **proud** but gives **grace** to the **humble**.” James 4:6 NIV

1. _____ the source of self-centered pride

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7a

2. _____ as general manager of the universe

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you — **who are you to judge your neighbor?**
James 4:12 NIV

What you ought to say is, “**If the Lord wants us to**, we will live and do this or that.” Otherwise you are **boasting about your own pretentious plans**, and all such boasting is evil. James 4:14-16 NLT

3. _____ myself with God

So **humble** yourselves before God. James 4:6 NLT

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and **he will lift you up**.
James 4:10 NLT

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