

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
**JAMES: REASONS WE NEED TO UNFRIEND THE WORLD**  
**James 4:1-6**

**Scripture passage: 1 John 2:15-24**

1. Because of how \_\_\_\_\_ it is to us.
2. Because of how \_\_\_\_\_ it is to the body of Christ.
3. Because of what it does to our \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.
4. Because God's \_\_\_\_\_ to us in Jesus is so amazing.
5. Because it sets us at \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*"For their mother has played the harlot; She who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, Who give me my bread and my water, My wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' <sup>6</sup> "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her so that she cannot find her paths. <sup>7</sup> "She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them; And she will seek them, but will not find them. Then she will say, 'I will go back to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now!"*

Hosea 2:5-7

*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."*

Matthew 6:24

*"There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine that they are guilty themselves. [...] There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves. [...] The vice I am talking of is Pride or Self-Conceit: and the virtue opposite to it, in Christian morals, is called Humility." ...According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind."*

- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

**Doing the Word:**

- **Be careful not to misinterpret and misapply.**
- **Allow James' strong language to awaken us to the deadly effects of worldliness.**
- **Conflicts and quarrels were common in the church in James' day, so it is likely there is similar sin in Logos. Allow the Spirit to examine us and repent.**
- **Rejoice in God's greater grace.**