

**NOTES**

**Scripture Refs**

Matt. 5:22,28; 6:33; 7:7-11; 1 John 1:9; 2:15-17; 5:14,19; Mark 7:20-23  
Gal. 5:19-21; Gen. 8:21; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 8:13; 12:2; Ps. 51:5; Jam. 4:4; 5:16  
Luke 18:1-7; Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 8:28; John 12:31; 14:30; 15:18-19; 16:11  
2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; 2 Tim. 4:10

**Reflection & Discussion**

1. (From last week) In James 4, he explains that *quarrelling and fighting* are the result of believers yielding to their old natures, seeking their own wills rather than God’s:
  - a. Where else in the Bible is this lesson taught?
  - b. How do we guard against pursuing our own wills rather than God’s?
  - c. What are the dangers associated with Christians who cause division within the church? What *biblical counsel* would you offer to Christians involved in a ‘quarrel’ with others?
  
2. (From last week) Have an open discussion about *persistent prayer*: What does it mean? How long should I pray about a specific want/need? What if I’m not getting the answer I want? ...etc.
  
3. In verse 4 James exhorts believers not to *befriend* the world:
  - a. What does it mean to be a “friend of the world”?
  - b. How do we guard against friendship with the world?