

The Way We Could Be
Overcoming Selfish Desires with Faithfulness to God
James 4:1-6 (page 1201)

I. The Question: What causes our quarrels? (1-2a)

~ Hint: Is it not the passions/desires within us?

II. Desires that Distort our Prayer Life (2b-3)

~ Prayer with wrong motives exists because we doubt God's goodness

III. Desires that Stem from Our Friendship with the World (4)

IV. God Desires for Us to Humble Ourselves and Know His Grace (5-6)

Points to Ponder: Consider a conflict in which you have been involved. Ask:

~ What did it reveal about my heart?

~What underlying desires were at work in my words, actions, and attitudes?

~How did it affect the content of my prayers?

~If someone who does not follow Jesus had been in the same situation – how different or similar would their response be?

Next Week: Next week we will continue our sermon series entitled: *The Way We Could Be* by looking at **James 4:7-12 Seeking God with Repentance.**

