

## **James 3:14-16 - The Description of Defeat**

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### **James: A Handbook on Holiness**

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#### **The Root of Defeat**

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

#### **The Explanation of Defeat**

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

#### **The Evidence of Defeat**

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

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1.

V. 14 – This "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition" means the motives which move you to oppose others and promote yourself

. What are some words we use to describe people who are this way?

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2.

If you are this way, you need the correction James gives - "do not boast and be false to the truth.

of boast (see v. 13)? \_\_\_\_\_ What

is

"

the truth

" you are denying (see vv. 13, 15)? \_\_\_\_\_

3.

V. 15 – What specifically is evil about the "wisdom" in "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition"?

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V. 16 – What outward evils result from "jealousy and selfish ambition"? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Why?

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Do you see these things in your life?

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