

## Why Most Christians Have Trouble - Brief Outline

*A Look At Some of the Reasons Why Christians Have Trouble in Life*

*James 4:1-15*

### **I. Introduction - (1 John 5:4; James 4:1,2a)**

- A. Christians have always had trouble in life
- B. Sometimes Christians get "in trouble" because of following Christ - called "persecution"
- C. But most "Christians" get into trouble because of their own doings!

### **II. Message - Why Most Christians Have Trouble (James 4:1-15)**

- A. **Christians Have Trouble Because "We Ask Not"** (4:2) - We have little or no Prayer Time!
- B. **Christians Have Trouble Because, When We Do Ask, We Ask Amiss** (4:3) - We seem to only have our own selfish desires in mind when we pray - Nothing *Eternal* in view
- C. **Christians Have Trouble Because We Love this World More than We Love God** (4:4,5) - spiritual **ADULTERY** (1 John 2:15,16) - No *commitment* to Christ!
- D. **Christians Have Trouble Because We Are Far Too Proud** (4:6,7) - No Yearning/Hungering for God - No soft hearts anymore!

- E. Christians Have Trouble Because We Are Not Serious About Living For God (4:7-10) - No fear of God!**
- F. Christians Have Trouble Because We Have Problems Putting Up With One Another (4:11,12) - No grace toward each other!**
- G. Christians Have Trouble Because We Are Not Interested in God's Will Over Our Own (4:13-15)**