take time **6 January** **James 4:1-12** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James%204:1-12&version=NKJV

Are you a friend of the world?

study

It is often difficult practically to display "wisdom from above". If it doesn't work, fights follow. These come from your lusts and desires (v1), which have great influence on your life of faith and your prayers. As a result, these are neglected or performed in a wrong attitude (v3). What are you more interested in – worldly and earthly things or divine and heavenly things? What do you pray for and how?

There is no link between the worldly and the heavenly realm (v4). The Bible gives urgent warning of taking an interchangeable position between God and the world. May it not warn in vain (v5).

Envy or jealousy as well as pride are not from God. From Him comes grace, which He gives so that believers don't live with fights but humble themselves (v6). James then shows seven steps which will help you achieve the right attitude to life (vv7-10).

As far as your dealings with other people are concerned: learn to make a difference between the person and the action. Judge what is wrong, but try to win the other person. God will judge the heart and motive of the other (vv11-12).

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14. Can you complete the following sentences from memory?
"Whoever wants to be a _____ of the world makes himself an _____ of God."
"God resists the _____, but gives _____ to the _____."

think

Is it visible in your life whose side you are on?

note down

14: " Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." *And* " God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."