

River Valley Notes

IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Part #2: Rediscovering Fine

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James 4:1-3

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it the whole army of evil desires at war within you?

1. The real cause of the relational conflict in my life is my own _____.

"I quarrel and fight because I'm not getting _____."

You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it.

2. There is _____ to the lengths we will go to satisfy our own desires.

You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it,

3. The wants & desires in me can _____ be fully and finally _____.

The sooner I get this truth solid in my heart, the _____ I'll be... both myself and the people closest to me.

...so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them.

We fight and quarrel in the attempt to extract from others not only what we don't have and can't ever get... but also what they are not even capable of providing to us!

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4. The attempt to satisfy my unquenchable desires is _____ my _____.

During the next argument, try saying this and see what happens:

"You know what's really going on here? I'm _____ getting _____."

And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. (NLT)

Motive: Answers the " _____ " question.

Motive asks not just, "Why am I asking for this?" but, "Why am I asking _____ for this?"

The motive filter is not intended to simply change _____ we ask God, but _____ we ask God for.

Paraphrase: *"The reason you remain a volcanic fire of unsatisfied desires is because you do not _____ your _____ in your Heavenly Father."*

The Bottom Line: The secret to cooling the conflict in my relationships – and recovering peace & wholeness – is to rediscover fine through _____, _____ relationship with my Heavenly Father.