

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

3:13

Τίς σοφός και ἐπιστήμων ἐν ὑμῖν; δειξάτω ἐκ τῆς καλῆς ἀναστροφῆς τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ ἐν πραΰτητι σοφίας.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

Parallel to James 2:18

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Parallel to 1 Peter 2:12

Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

Parallel to Sirach 2:17

Those who fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and will humble themselves before him.

Τίς σοφός – 1x in NT, 3x in LXX –

Ps 106:43 τίς σοφός και φυλάξει ταῦτα και συνήσουσιν τὰ ἐλέη τοῦ κυρίου

Ps 107:43 Whoever is wise, let him give heed to these things; let men consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Hos 14:10 τίς σοφός και συνήσει ταῦτα ἢ συνετὸς και ἐπιγνώσεται αὐτὰ διότι εὐθεῖαι αἱ ὁδοὶ τοῦ κυρίου και δίκαιοι πορεύονται ἐν αὐταῖς οἱ δὲ ἀσεβεῖς ἀσθενήσουσιν ἐν αὐταῖς

Hos 14:9 Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

Sir 6:34 ἐν πλήθει πρεσβυτέρων στῆθι και τίς σοφός αὐτῷ προσκολληθήτη

Sir 6:34 Stand in the assembly of the elders. Who is wise? Cleave to him.

σοφός – 20x in NT –

Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

Matt 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish:

Romans 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 16:19 For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you wise as to what is good and guileless as to what is evil;

Romans 16:27 to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

1Cor 1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."

1Cor 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1Cor 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1Cor 1:26 For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth;

1Cor 1:27 but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong,

1Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it.

1Cor 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

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1Cor 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

1Cor 3:20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

1Cor 6:5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no man among you wise enough to decide between members of the brotherhood,

Eph 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

σοφός και ἐπιστήμων – 1x in NT –

ἐπιστήμων – 1x in NT, no LXX – however the verb ἐπίσταμα 14x –

Mark 14:68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway.

Acts 10:28 and he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit any one of another nation; but God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.
 Acts 15:7 And after there had been much debate, Peter rose and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.
 Acts 18:25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.
 Acts 19:15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"
 Acts 19:25 These he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth.
 Acts 20:18 And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,
 Acts 22:19 And I said, Lord, they themselves know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in thee.
 Acts 24:10 And when the governor had motioned to him to speak, Paul replied: "Realizing that for many years you have been judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense.
 Acts 26:26 For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak freely; for I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this was not done in a corner.
 1Tim 6:4 he is puffed up with conceit, he knows nothing; he has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions,
 Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.
 James 4:14 whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.
 Jude 1:10 But these men revile whatever they do not understand, and by those things that they know by instinct as irrational animals do, they are destroyed.

ἐν ὑμῖν – 5x in James –

3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
 4:1 What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members?
 5:13 Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise.
 5:14 Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;
 5:19 My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back,

δειξάτω – 33x in NT, 3x in James – *to make known the character or significance of something by visual, auditory, gestural, or linguistic means -to explain the meaning or significance of something by demonstration -*

2:18 But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.
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ἐκ τῆς καλῆς – 2x in NT –

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 1Peter 2:12 Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

καλῆς ἀναστροφῆς – 1x in NT –

καλῆς – 3x in James –

2:7 Is it not they who blaspheme that honorable name which was invoked over you?
 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
 4:17 Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

ἀναστροφῆς – 13x in NT – *to conduct oneself, with apparent focus upon overt daily behavior -*

Gal 1:13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it;
 Eph 4:22 Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts,
 1Tim 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.
 Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.
 James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
 1Peter 1:15 but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct;
 1Peter 1:18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
 1Peter 2:12 Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.
 1Peter 3:1 Likewise you wives, be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
 1Peter 3:2 when they see your reverent and chaste behavior.
 1Peter 3:16 and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.
 2Peter 2:7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the licentiousness of the wicked
 2Peter 3:11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ - 23x in NT –

Matt 11:19 the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners! Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."
Matt 23:3 so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.
Matt 23:5 They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,
Mark 13:34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
John 3:20 For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.
John 7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify of it that its works are evil.
John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
John 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.
Romans 2:6 For he will render to every man according to his works:
2Cor 11:15 So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.
1Thess 5:13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
2Tim 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will requite him for his deeds.
Heb 4:4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."
Heb 4:10 for whoever enters God's rest also ceases from his labors as God did from his.
James 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works,
James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
1John 3:12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.
2John 1:11 for he who greets him shares his wicked work.
Rev 2:22 Behold, I will throw her on a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her doings;
Rev 16:11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores, and did not repent of their deeds.
Rev 18:6 Render to her as she herself has rendered, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double draught for her in the cup she mixed.
Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done.
Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and all were judged by what they had done.

ἔργα - 15x in James –

1:4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing.
2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him?
2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.
2:18 But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.
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2:20 Do you want to be shown, you shallow man, that faith apart from works is barren?
2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar?
2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works,
2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works,
2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.
2:25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?
2:26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.
3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

πραΰτητα – 11x in NT, 8x in LXX – *gentleness of attitude and behavior, in contrast with harshness in one's dealings with others -*

1Cor 4:21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?
2Cor 10:1 I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ -- I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold to you when I am away! --
Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.
Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are
Eph 4:2 with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love,
Col 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience,
2Tim 2:25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth,
Titus 3:2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all men.
James 1:21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
1Peter 3:16 and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.
Esth 5:5 καὶ μετέβαλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ βασιλέως εἰς πραΰτητα καὶ ἀγωνιάσας ἀνεπήδησεν ἀπὸ τοῦ θρόνου αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀνέλαβεν αὐτὴν ἐπὶ τὰς ἀγκάλας αὐτοῦ μέχρις οὗ κατέστη καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτὴν λόγοις εἰρηνικοῖς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ
Then said the king, "Bring Haman quickly, that we may do as Esther desires." So the king and Haman came to the dinner that Esther had prepared.

Ps 44:5 καὶ ἔντεινον καὶ κατευδοῦ καὶ βασίλευε ἕνεκεν ἀληθείας καὶ πραΰτητος καὶ δικαιοσύνης καὶ ὀδηγήσει σε θαυμαστῶς ἡ δεξιὰ σου

45:4 In your majesty ride forth victoriously for the cause of truth and to defend the right; let your right hand teach you dread deeds!

Ps 89:10 αἱ ἡμέραι τῶν ἐτῶν ἡμῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς εβδομήκοντα ἔτη ἐὰν δὲ ἐν δυναστείας ὀδοήκοντα ἔτη καὶ τὸ πλεον αὐτῶν κόπος καὶ πόνος ὅτι ἐπῆλθεν πραΰτης ἐφ' ἡμᾶς καὶ παιδευθησόμεθα

90:10 The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Ps 131:1 ὡδὴ τῶν ἀναβαθμῶν μνήσθητι κύριε τοῦ Δαυιδ καὶ πάσης τῆς πραΰτητος αὐτοῦ

132:1 Remember, O LORD, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured;

Sir 3:17 τέκνον ἐν πραΰτητι τὰ ἔργα σου διέξαγε καὶ ὑπὸ ἀνθρώπου δεκτοῦ ἀγαπηθήσῃ

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.

Sir 10:28 τέκνον ἐν πραΰτητι δόξασον τὴν ψυχὴν σου καὶ δὸς αὐτῇ τιμὴν κατὰ τὴν ἀξίαν αὐτῆς

My son, glorify yourself with humility, and ascribe to yourself honor according to your worth.

Sir 36:23 εἰ ἔστιν ἐπὶ γλώσσης αὐτῆς ἔλεος καὶ πραΰτης οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς καθ' υἱοὺς ἀνθρώπων

If kindness and humility mark her speech, her husband is not like other men.

Sir 45:4 ἐν πίστει καὶ πραΰτητι αὐτὸν ἡγίασεν ἐξελέξατο αὐτὸν ἐκ πάσης σαρκός

He sanctified him through faithfulness and meekness; he chose him out of all mankind.

σοφίας – 51x in NT –

Matt 11:19 the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners! Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Matt 12:42 The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Matt 13:54 and coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

Mark 6:2 And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands!"

Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 7:35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

Luke 11:31 The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Luke 11:49 Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,'

Luke 21:15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

Acts 6:3 Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty.

Acts 6:10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.

Acts 7:10 and rescued him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him governor over Egypt and over all his household.

Acts 7:22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

1Cor 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1Cor 1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."

1Cor 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1Cor 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

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1Cor 1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

1Cor 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1Cor 1:30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption;

1Cor 2:1 When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.

1Cor 2:4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1Cor 2:5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1Cor 2:6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

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1Cor 2:7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.

1Cor 2:13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

1Cor 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

1Cor 12:8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

2Cor 1:12 For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience that we have behaved in the world, and still more toward you, with holiness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God.

Eph 1:8 which he lavished upon us.

Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

Eph 3:10 that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

Col 1:9 And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

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Col 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ.
 Col 2:3 in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 Col 2:23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh.
 Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
 Col 4:5 Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.
 James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.
 James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
 James 3:15 This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.
 James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
 2Peter 3:15 And count the forbearance of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,
 Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
 Rev 7:12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."
 Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom: let him who has understanding reckon the number of the beast, for it is a human number, its number is six hundred and sixty-six.
 Rev 17:9 This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated;

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εἰ δὲ ζῆλον πικρὸν ἔχετε καὶ ἐριθείαν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν, μὴ κατακαυχᾶσθε καὶ ψεύδεσθε κατὰ τῆς ἀληθείας.

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

Parallel to 1 Corinthians 3:3

for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

Parallel to 2 Corinthians 12:16

Let it be assumed that I did not burden you. Nevertheless (you say) since I was crafty, I took you in by deceit.

Parallel to Galatians 5:20

idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,

Parallel to Ephesians 4:31

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

εἰ δὲ - 6x in James –

1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.

2:9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." If you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become a transgressor of the law.

3:3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

4:11 Do not speak evil against one another, brethren. He that speaks evil against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

ζῆλον πικρὸν – 1x in NT, no LXX, nor in literature prior to the NT –

ζῆλον - 16x in NT – *a particularly strong feeling of resentment and jealousy against someone -*

John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me."

Acts 5:17 But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sad' ducees, and filled with jealousy

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him.

Romans 10:2 I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened.

Romans 13:13 let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

1Cor 3:3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men?

2Cor 7:7 and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.

2Cor 7:11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

2Cor 9:2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedo'nia, saying that Acha'ia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

2Cor 11:2 I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband.

2Cor 12:20 For I fear that perhaps I may come and find you not what I wish, and that you may find me not what you wish; that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit,

Phil 3:6 as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless.

Heb 10:27 but a fearful prospect of judgment, and a fury of fire which will consume the adversaries.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

πικρὸν – 2x in NT, 37x in LXX – *pertaining to being bitter or pungent* -

James 3:11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish?

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

Gen 27:34 ἐγένετο δὲ ἡνίκα ἤκουσεν Ἡσαυ τὰ ῥήματα Ἰσαακ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ ἀνεβόησεν φωνὴν μεγάλην καὶ πικρὰν σφόδρα καὶ εἶπεν εὐλόγησον δὴ κάμῃ πάτερ

When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

Exod 15:23 ἦλθον δὲ εἰς Μερρα καὶ οὐκ ἠδύναντο πιεῖν ἐκ Μερρας πικρὸν γὰρ ἦν διὰ τοῦτο ἐπωνομάσθη τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ τόπου ἐκείνου πικρία

When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah.

2Sam/K 2:26 καὶ ἐκάλεσεν Ἀβεννηρ Ἰωαβ καὶ εἶπεν μὴ εἰς ὕκος καταφάγεται ἡ ῥομφαία ἢ οὐκ οἶδας ὅτι πικρὰ ἔσται εἰς τὰ ἔσχατα καὶ ἕως πότε οὐ μὴ εἴπῃς τῷ λαῷ ἀναστρέφειν ἀπὸ ὀπισθεν τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν

Then Abner called to Jo'ab, "Shall the sword devour for ever? Do you not know that the end will be bitter? How long will it be before you bid your people turn from the pursuit of their brethren?"

Ps 63:4 οἵτινες ἠκόνησαν ὡς ῥομφαίαν τὰς γλώσσας αὐτῶν ἐνέτειναν τόξον αὐτῶν πρᾶγμα πικρὸν

who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows,

Prov 5:4 ὕστερον μέντοι πικρότερον χολῆς εὐρήσεις καὶ ἠκονημένον μάλλον μαχαίρας διστόμου

but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

Prov 27:7 ψυχὴ ἐν πλησμονῇ οὐσα κηρίσις ἐμπαίζει ψυχῇ δὲ ἐνδεεῖ καὶ τὰ πικρὰ γλυκεῖα φαίνεται

He who is sated loathes honey, but to one who is hungry everything bitter is sweet.

Qoh 7:26 καὶ εὐρίσκω ἐγὼ πικρότερον ὑπὲρ θάνατον σὺν τῇ γυναίκα ἥτις ἔστιν θηρεύματα καὶ σαγήνη καρδία αὐτῆς δεσμοὶ χεῖρες αὐτῆς ἀγαθὸς πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ ἐξαιρεθήσεται ἀπ' αὐτῆς καὶ ἀμαρτάνων συλλημφθήσεται ἐν αὐτῇ

And I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters; he who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her.

Isa 5:20 οὐαὶ οἱ λέγοντες τὸ πονηρὸν καλὸν καὶ τὸ καλὸν πονηρὸν οἱ τιθέντες τὸ σκότος φῶς καὶ τὸ φῶς σκότος οἱ τιθέντες τὸ πικρὸν γλυκὺ καὶ τὸ γλυκὺ πικρὸν

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

Isa 24:9 ἡσχύνθησαν οὐκ ἔπιον οἶνον πικρὸν ἐγένετο τὸ σικερα τοῖς πίνουσι

No more do they drink wine with singing; strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.

Jer 23:15 διὰ τοῦτο τάδε λέγει κύριος ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ψωμιῶ αὐτοὺς ὀδύνην καὶ ποτιῶ αὐτοὺς ὕδωρ πικρὸν ὅτι ἀπὸ τῶν προφητῶν

Ἱερουσαλημ ἐξηλθεν μολυσμὸς πάση τῇ γῆ

Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: "Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and give them poisoned water to drink; for from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone forth into all the land."

Hab 1:6 διότι ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἐξεγείρω ἐφ' ὑμᾶς τοὺς Χαλδαίους τοὺς μαχητὰς τὸ ἔθνος τὸ πικρὸν καὶ τὸ ταχυνὸν τὸ πορευόμενον ἐπὶ τὰ πλάτη τῆς γῆς τοῦ κατακληρονομήσαι σκηνώματα οὐκ αὐτοῦ

For lo, I am rousing the Chalde'ans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize habitations not their own.

Zeph 1:14 ὅτι ἐγγὺς ἡ ἡμέρα κυρίου ἡ μεγάλη ἐγγὺς καὶ ταχεῖα σφόδρα φωνὴ ἡμέρας κυρίου πικρὰ καὶ σκληρὰ τέτακται δυνατὴ

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there.

ἐριθείαν – 7x in NT – *a feeling of resentfulness based upon jealousy and implying rivalry* -

Romans 2:8 but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be wrath and fury.

2Cor 12:20 For I fear that perhaps I may come and find you not what I wish, and that you may find me not what you wish; that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit,

Phil 1:17 the former proclaim Christ out of partisanship, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

Phil 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν – 16x in NT –

Matt 9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

Mark 2:8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts?"

Luke 5:22 When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts?"

Luke 21:14 Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer;

Luke 24:38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts?"

Acts 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down)

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach);

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Eph 3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Phil 1:7 It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

1Peter 3:15 but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence;

2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

καρδία - 5x in James –

1:26 If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain.

3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

5:5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

5:8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

κατακαυχᾶσθε – 4x in NT – *to boast about something by downgrading something else -*

Romans 11:18 do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.

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James 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy; yet mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

καυχάομαι – 2x in James –

1:9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

4:16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

ψεύδεσθε – 12x in NT – *to communicate what is false, with the evident purpose of misleading*

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Matt 5:11 "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Anani'as, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land?"

Acts 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Romans 9:1 I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2Cor 11:31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie.

Gal 1:20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices

1Tim 2:7 For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Heb 6:18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

1John 1:6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth;

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie -- behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and learn that I have loved you.

κατὰ τῆς ἀληθείας – 2x in NT –

2Cor 13:8 For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

ἀληθείας – 3x in James –

1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

5:19 My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back,

3:15

οὐκ ἔστιν αὕτη ἡ σοφία ἄνωθεν κατερχομένη ἀλλὰ ἐπίγειος, ψυχικὴ, δαιμονιώδης.

Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

Parallel to James 1:5

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

Parallel to James 1:17

Exegetical notes on James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

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Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Parallel to 1 Corinthians 2:14

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Parallel to Jude 1:19

It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions.

Parallel to 1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

σοφία – 4x in James, see v.13 above –

ἄνωθεν – 13x in NT –

Matt 27:51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split;

Mark 15:38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Luke 1:3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent The-oph'ilus,

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born anew.'

John 3:31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth belongs to the earth, and of the earth he speaks; he who comes from heaven is above all.

John 19:11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin."

John 19:23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom;

Acts 26:5 They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee.

Gal 4:9 but now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more?

James 1:17 Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 3:15 This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.

κατερχομένη – 16x in NT –

Luke 4:31 And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath;

Luke 9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

Acts 8:5 Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ.

Acts 9:32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda.

Acts 11:27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

Acts 12:19 And when Herod had sought for him and could not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and remained there.

Acts 13:4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Acts 15:30 So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.

Acts 18:5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with preaching, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

Acts 18:22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch.

Acts 19:1 While Apoll'os was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

Acts 21:3 When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo.

Acts 21:10 While we were staying for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

Acts 27:5 And when we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia.

James 3:15 This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

ἄνωθεν κατερχομένη – 1x in NT, no LXX although there is a close parallel –

John 3:31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth belongs to the earth, and of the earth he speaks; he who comes from heaven is above all.

ἐπίγειος – 7x in NT – *pertaining to behavior which is typical of human nature, in contrast with that which is under the control of God's Spirit -*

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

1Cor 15:40 There are celestial bodies and there are terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

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2Cor 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Phil 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Phil 3:19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

James 3:15 This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

ψυχικη – 6x in NT – *pertaining to behavior which is typical of human nature, in contrast with that which is under the control of God's Spirit* -

1Cor 2:14 The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1Cor 15:44 It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

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1Cor 15:46 But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual.

James 3:15 This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

Jude 1:19 It is these who set up divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

δαμονιώδης – 1x in NT, no LXX - *pertaining to a demon* –

Ceteri Aristophanis libri (fragmenta), ed. A. Nauck, Aristopha 1.23-4 - (3rd Century BC)

Ἄσπραπὴ καὶ ἄλλα μυρία ὁμωνύμως δηλοῦσι τὸ εἰδωλοποιῶν τε δαμονιώδῃ καὶ τὸ ἐκεῖθεν σύμπτωμα.

3:16

ὅπου γὰρ ζήλος καὶ ἐριθεία, ἐκεῖ ἀκαταστασία καὶ πᾶν φαῦλον πρᾶγμα.

For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

Parallel to James 1:7

for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

ὅπου γὰρ – 5x in NT –

Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

1Cor 3:3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men?

Heb 9:16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

ζήλος – 2x in James, see v.14 above –

ἐριθεία - 2x in James, see v.14 above –

ἐκεῖ – 3x in James –

2:3 and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"

3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and get gain";

ἀκαταστασία – 5x in NT – *to rise up in open defiance of authority, with the presumed intention to overthrow it or to act in complete opposition to its demands - violent opposition to someone or something, involving mob action* -

Luke 21:9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

1Cor 14:33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

2Cor 6:5 beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger;

2Cor 12:20 For I fear that perhaps I may come and find you not what I wish, and that you may find me not what you wish; that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

πᾶν φαῦλον πρᾶγμα – 1x in NT –

φαῦλον – 6x in NT, 10x in LXX – *pertaining to being evil in the sense of moral baseness* -

John 3:20 For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 5:29 and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

Romans 9:11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad, in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call,
2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

Titus 2:8 and sound speech that cannot be censured, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

Job 6:3 και δη ἄμμου παραλίας βαρυτέρα ἔσται ἀλλ' ὡς ἔοικεν τὰ ῥήματά μου ἔστιν φαῦλα

For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words have been rash.

Job 6:25 ἀλλ' ὡς ἔοικεν φαῦλα ἀληθινοῦ ῥήματα οὐ γὰρ παρ' ὑμῶν ἰσχυρὸν αἰτούμαι

How forceful are honest words! But what does reproof from you reprove?

Job 9:23 ὅτι φαῦλοι ἐν θανάτῳ ἐξισίων ἀλλὰ δίκαιοι καταγελῶνται

When disaster brings sudden death, he mocks at the calamity of the innocent.

Prov 5:3 μὴ πρόσχε φαῦλη γυναικί μέλι γὰρ ἀποστάζει ἀπὸ χειλέων γυναικὸς πόρνης ἢ πρὸς καιρὸν λιπαίνει σὸν φάρυγγα

For the lips of a loose woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;

Prov 13:6 δικαιοσύνη φυλάσσει ἀκάκους τοὺς δὲ ἀσεβεῖς φαύλους ποιεῖ ἁμαρτία

Righteousness guards him whose way is upright, but sin overthrows the wicked.

Prov 16:21 τοὺς σοφοὺς καὶ συνετοὺς φαύλους καλοῦσιν οἱ δὲ γλυκεῖς ἐν λόγῳ πλείονα ἀκούσονται

The wise of heart is called a man of discernment, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.

Prov 22:8 ὁ σπείρων φαῦλα θερίσει κακὰ πλῆγην δὲ ἔργων αὐτοῦ συντελέσει

He who sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.

Prov 29:9 ἀνὴρ σοφὸς κρίνει ἔθνη ἀνὴρ δὲ φαῦλος ὀργιζόμενος καταγελάται καὶ οὐ καταπτήσσει

If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.

3Mac 3:22 οἱ δὲ τοῦναντίον ἐκδεχόμενοι καὶ τῇ συμφύτῳ κακοθηεῖα τὸ καλὸν ἀπώσάμενοι διηνεκῶς δὲ εἰς τὸ φαῦλον ἐκνεύοντες

But in their innate malice they took this in a contrary spirit, and disdained what is good. Since they incline constantly to evil,

Sir 20:17 οἱ ἔσθοντες τὸν ἄρτον αὐτοῦ φαῦλοι γλώσσην ποσάκις καὶ ὅσοι καταγελάσσονται αὐτοῦ

How many will ridicule him, and how often!

πράγμα – 11x in NT – *that which happens - an activity involving a measure of complexity and responsibility - legal action taken in a court of law against someone -*

Matt 18:19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Luke 1:1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us,

Acts 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Romans 16:2 that you may receive her in the Lord as befits the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a helper of many and of myself as well.

1Cor 6:1 When one of you has a grievance against a brother, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?

2Cor 7:11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

1Thess 4:6 that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we solemnly forewarned you.

Heb 6:18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us.

Heb 10:1 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices which are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who draw near.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

3:17

ἡ δὲ ἄνωθεν σοφία πρῶτον μὲν ἀγνή ἐστιν, ἔπειτα εἰρηνικὴ, ἐπιεικὴς, εὐπειθὴς, μεστὴ ἐλέους καὶ καρπῶν ἀγαθῶν, ἀδιάκριτος, ἀνυπόκριτος.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

Parallel to James 1:5

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

ἄνωθεν – 3x in James, see v.15 above –

σοφία – 4x in James, see v.13 above –

πρῶτον – 155x in NT, 1x in James –

ἀγνή - 8x in NT – *pertaining to being without moral defect or blemish and hence pure -*

2Cor 7:11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.
2Cor 11:2 I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband.
Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
1Tim 5:22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor participate in another man's sins; keep yourself pure.
Titus 2:5 to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind, and submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be discredited.
James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
1Peter 3:2 when they see your reverent and chaste behavior.
1John 3:3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

ἔπειτα – 2x in James – *a point of time following another point* -

3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
4:14 whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

εἰρηική - 2x in NT – *pertaining to freedom from anxiety and inner turmoil* -

Heb 12:11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.

ἐπιεικής – 5x in NT – *pertaining to being gracious and forbearing* -

Phil 4:5 Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.
1Tim 3:3 no drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money.
Titus 3:2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all men.
James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
1Peter 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to the kind and gentle but also to the overbearing.

εὐπειθής – 1x in NT - *pertaining to being easily persuaded, with the implication of being open to reason or willing to listen* –

μεστή - 9x in NT – *pertaining to a quantity that fills a space beyond expectations or appropriateness - a degree of completeness, with the implication of abundance - pertaining to being extensively engaged in some activity or attitude* -

Matt 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
John 19:29 A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth.
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John 21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.
Romans 1:29 They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, they are gossips,
Romans 15:14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brethren, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another.
James 3:8 but no human being can tame the tongue -- a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
2Peter 2:14 They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!

ἐλέους – 27x in NT – *to show kindness or concern for someone in serious need* -

Matt 9:13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matt 12:7 And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.
Matt 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.
Luke 1:50 And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.
Luke 1:54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
Luke 1:58 And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
Luke 1:72 to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant,
Luke 1:78 through the tender mercy of our God, when the day shall dawn upon us from on high
Luke 10:37 He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
Romans 9:23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for the vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory,
Romans 11:31 so they have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy.
Romans 15:9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name";
Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God.
Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us,
1Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
2Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Exegetical notes on James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

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2Tim 1:16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiph'orus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains,
 2Tim 1:18 may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day -- and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.
 Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit,
 Heb 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 James 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy; yet mercy triumphs over judgment.
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 James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
 1Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
 2John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.
 Jude 1:2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
 Jude 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

καρπῶν ἀγαθῶν – 1x in NT –

καρπῶν – 66x in NT, 4x in James – *any fruit part of plants, including grain as well as pulpy fruit -that which is harvested -the natural result of what has been done -*

3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
 3:18 And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
 5:7 Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain.
 5:18 Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

ἀγαθῶν – 2x in James –

1:17 Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.

ἀδιάκριτος – 1x in NT, 1x in LXX – *pertaining to not being prejudiced -*

Prov 25:1 αὐταὶ αἱ παιδεῖαι σαλωμῶντος αἱ ἀδιάκριτοι ἃς ἐξεγράψαντο οἱ φίλοι Εζεκιου τοῦ βασιλέως τῆς Ἰουδαίας
 These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezeki'ah king of Judah copied.

ἀνυπόκριτος – 6x in NT, 2x in LXX – *pertaining to being genuine and sincere, and hence lacking in pretense or show -*

Romans 12:9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
 2Cor 6:6 by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love,
 1Tim 1:5 whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith.
 2Tim 1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lo'is and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you.
 James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.
 1Peter 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart.
 Wis 5:18 ἐνδύσεται θώρακα δικαιοσύνης καὶ περιθήσεται κόρυθα κρίσιν ἀνυπόκριτον
 he will put on righteousness as a breastplate, and wear impartial justice as a helmet;
 Wis 18:15 ὁ παντοδύναμος σου λόγος ἀπ' οὐρανῶν ἐκ θρόνων βασιλείων ἀπότομος πολεμιστῆς εἰς μέσον τῆς ὀλεθρίας ἤλατο γῆς
 ξίφος δὲξὺ τὴν ἀνυπόκριτον ἐπιταγὴν σου φέρων
 thy all-powerful word leaped from heaven, from the royal throne, into the midst of the land that was doomed, a stern warrior

3:18

καρπὸς δὲ δικαιοσύνης ἐν εἰρήνῃ σπείρεται τοῖς ποιούσιν εἰρήνην.

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Parallel to Philippians 1:11

having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Parallel to Isaiah 32:17

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

Parallel to Matthew 5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

καρπῶν – 4x in James – see v.17 above –

δικαιοσύνης – 92x in NT, 3x in James –

1:20 for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.

2:23 and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

3:18 And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

εἰρήνη – 92x in NT, 3x in James –

2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

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σπείρεται – 52x in NT , 1x in James –

ποιούσιν εἰρήνην – 2x in NT (+1 close) –

Eph 2:15 by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

James 3:18 And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

+1 Peter 3:11 let him turn away from evil and do right; let him seek peace and pursue it.

ποιούσιν – present active participle, 2x in James –

3:18 And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4:17 Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

4:1

Πόθεν πόλεμοι καὶ πόθεν μάχαι ἐν ὑμῖν; οὐκ ἐντεῦθεν, ἐκ τῶν ἡδονῶν ὑμῶν τῶν στρατευομένων ἐν τοῖς μέλεσιν ὑμῶν;

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

Parallel to Galatians 5:17

For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

Πόθεν – 29x in NT, 2x in James, both in this verse –

πόλεμοι – 18x in NT – *to engage in open warfare - to engage in serious and protracted conflict, often involving a series of attacks -*

Matt 24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

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Mark 13:7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet.

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Luke 14:31 Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

Luke 21:9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

1Cor 14:8 And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle?

Heb 11:34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

James 4:1 What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members?

Rev 9:7 In appearance the locusts were like horses arrayed for battle; on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces,

Rev 9:9 they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle.

Rev 11:7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends from the bottomless pit will make war upon them and conquer them and kill them,

Rev 12:7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

Rev 12:17 Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Rev 13:7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation,

Rev 16:14 for they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who sits upon the horse and against his army.

Rev 20:8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, that is, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

μάχαι – 4x in NT – *serious conflict, either physical or non-physical, but clearly intensive and bitter* -

2Cor 7:5 For even when we came into Macedo'nia, our bodies had no rest but we were afflicted at every turn -- fighting without and fear within.

2Tim 2:23 Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

Titus 3:9 But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile.

James 4:1 What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members?

ἐν ὑμῖν – 5x in James, see 3.13 above –

ἐντεῦθεν – 10x in NT – *extension from a source, with the point of reference near the speaker - a reference to reason or source* -

Luke 4:9 And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here;

Luke 13:31 At that very hour some Pharisees came, and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

John 2:16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade."

John 7:3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples may see the works you are doing.

John 14:31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go hence.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world."

John 19:18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

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Rev 22:2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

ἡδονῶν – 5x in NT – *that which someone is fond of doing, in that it produces enjoyment - desire for physical pleasure, often sexual* -

Luke 8:14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another;

James 4:1 What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members?

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

2Peter 2:13 suffering wrong for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their dissipation, carousing with you.

στρατευομένων – 7x in NT – *to engage in war or battle as a soldier - to engage in military activity as a soldier* –

Luke 3:14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

1Cor 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

2Cor 10:3 For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war,

1Tim 1:18 This charge I commit to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophetic utterances which pointed to you, that inspired by them you

2Tim 2:4 No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him.

James 4:1 What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members?

1Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul.

μέλεσιν ὑμῶν – 7x in NT –

Matt 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Matt 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Romans 6:13 Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

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Romans 6:19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

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μέλεσιν – 3x in James – *a part of the body - a part as a member of a unit -*

3:5 So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

3:6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell.

4:1 What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members?

4:2

ἐπιθυμεῖτε καὶ οὐκ ἔχετε, φονεύετε καὶ ζηλοῦτε καὶ οὐ δύνασθε ἐπιτυχεῖν, μάχεσθε καὶ πολεμεῖτε, οὐκ ἔχετε διὰ τὸ μὴ αἰτεῖσθαι ὑμᾶς,

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Parallel to 1 John 3:15

All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

Parallel to Galatians 5:20-21

idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 5.21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Parallel to 1 Maccabees 8:16

They trust one man each year to rule over them and to control all their land; they all heed the one man, and there is no envy or jealousy among them.

ἐπιθυμεῖτε – 16x in NT – *to greatly desire to do or have something - to strongly desire to have what belongs to someone else and/or to engage in an activity which is morally wrong -*

Matt 5:28 But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matt 13:17 Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Luke 15:16 And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything.

Luke 16:21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 17:22 And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it.

Luke 22:15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer;

Acts 20:33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

Romans 7:7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I should not have known sin. I should not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Romans 13:9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1Cor 10:6 Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did.

Gal 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would.

1Tim 3:1 The saying is sure: If any one aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task.

Heb 6:11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end,

James 4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.

1Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Rev 9:6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death will fly from them.

οὐκ ἔχετε – 69x in NT, 2x in James, both in this verse –

Matt 6:1, Matt 8:20, Matt 13:5, Matt 13:12, Matt 13:21, Matt 14:17, Matt 15:32, Matt 16:8, Mark 3:29, Mark 4:5, Mark 4:17, Mark 4:25, Mark 8:2, Mark 8:14, Mark 8:16, Mark 8:17, Luke 8:13, Luke 9:58, Luke 11:6, Luke 12:17, Luke 14:14, Luke 24:39, John 2:3, John 4:17, John 4:17, John 4:44, John 5:7, John 5:38, John 5:42, John 6:53, John 8:49, John 13:8, John 13:10, John 14:30, John 15:22, John 15:22, John 15:24, John 19:11, John 19:15, Acts 25:26, Romans 8:9, Romans 9:21, 1Cor 7:25, 1Cor 9:4, 1Cor 9:5, 1Cor 9:6, 1Cor 11:16, 1Cor 11:22, 1Cor 12:21, 1Cor 12:21, 2Cor 2:13, 2Cor 8:12, Eph 5:5, 2Thess 3:9, Heb 7:27, Heb 13:10, James 4:2, James 4:2, 1John 1:8, 1John 3:15, 1John 5:12, 2John 1:9, 3John 1:4, Rev 2:24, Rev 4:8, Rev 9:4, Rev 14:11, Rev 20:6, Rev 22:5

ἔχετε – present active indicative, 5x in James –

2:18 But some one will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

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3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.

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φονεύετε – 12x in NT – *to deprive a person of life by illegal, intentional killing* -

Matt 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment."

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Matt 19:18 He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

Matt 23:31 Thus you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

Matt 23:35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechari'ah the son of Barachi'ah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mark 10:19 You know the commandments: Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother."

Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother."

Romans 13:9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." If you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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James 5:6 You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.

ζηλοῦτε – 11x in NT – present active indicative, 5x * - *to experience strong envy and resentment against someone* – (remember we had the noun back at 3.14)

Acts 7:9 "And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him,

Acts 17:5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked fellows of the rabble, they gathered a crowd, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the people.

*1Cor 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

*1Cor 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;

1Cor 14:1 Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

1Cor 14:39 So, my brethren, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues;

*2Cor 11:2 I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband.

*Gal 4:17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.

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οὐ δύνασθε – 76x in NT, 1x in James –

Matt 5:14, Matt 5:36, Matt 6:24, Matt 7:18, Matt 16:3, Matt 17:16, Matt 17:19, Matt 26:42, Matt 26:53, Matt 27:42, Mark 2:19, Mark 3:24, Mark 3:25, Mark 3:26, Mark 3:27, Mark 6:5, Mark 6:19, Mark 7:18, Mark 7:24, Mark 9:3, Mark 9:28, Mark 15:31, Luke 1:22, Luke 8:19, Luke 9:40, Luke 11:7, Luke 14:20, Luke 14:26, Luke 14:27, Luke 14:33, Luke 16:13, Luke 19:3, Luke 21:15, John 3:3, John 3:5, John 3:27, John 5:19, John 5:30, John 7:7, John 7:34, John 7:36, John 8:21, John 8:22, John 8:43, John 9:33, John 10:35, John 11:37, John 12:39, John 13:33, John 13:36, John 13:37, John 14:17, John 15:4, John 15:5, John 16:12, Acts 4:16, Acts 4:20, Acts 5:39, Acts 13:38, Acts 15:1, Acts 19:40, Acts 27:31, Romans 8:8, 1Cor 2:14, 1Cor 3:1, 1Cor 10:21, 1Cor 10:21, 1Cor 12:21, 1Cor 15:50, 1Tim 5:25, 2Tim 2:13, Heb 3:19, James 4:2, 1John 3:9, 1John 4:20, Rev 2:2

δύνασθε – 6x in James – present indicative, 4x * -

1:21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

*2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him?

*3:8 but no human being can tame the tongue -- a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

*3:12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.

4:12 There is one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you that you judge your neighbor?

ἐπιτυχεῖν – 5x in NT – *to acquire or gain what is sought after* -

Romans 11:7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it sought. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

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Heb 6:15 And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise.

Heb 11:33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

James 4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.

μάχεσθε – 4x in NT – *serious conflict, either physical or non-physical, but clearly intensive and bitter* - (remember we had the noun back at 4.1)

John 6:52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Acts 7:26 And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and would have reconciled them, saying, Men, you are brethren, why do you wrong each other?
2Tim 2:24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing,
James 4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.

πολεμῆτε – 7x in NT – *to engage in serious and protracted conflict, often involving a series of attacks* - (remember we had the noun back at 4.1)

James 4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.
Rev 2:16 Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.
Rev 12:7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,
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Rev 13:4 Men worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"
Rev 17:14 they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."
Rev 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

μὴ αἰτεῖσθαι – 1x in NT –

αἰτεῖσθαι – 5x in James – here, present middle, infinitive –

1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.
1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.
4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.
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αἰτεῖτε καὶ οὐ λαμβάνετε διότι κακῶς αἰτεῖσθε, ἵνα ἐν ταῖς ἡδοναῖς ὑμῶν δαπανήσητε.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

αἰτεῖτε – 5x in James, see 4.2 above – here, present active indicative –

οὐ λαμβάνετε – 14x in NT –

Matt 10:38 and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
Matt 16:7 And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread."
Matt 25:3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
Mark 15:23 And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it.
Luke 20:21 They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God.
John 3:11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony.
John 5:41 I do not receive glory from men.
John 5:43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.
1Cor 4:7 For who sees anything different in you? What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?
1Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
2Cor 11:4 For if some one comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough.
Gal 2:6 And from those who were reputed to be something (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality) -- those, I say, who were of repute added nothing to me;
James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.
Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom judgment was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life, and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

λαμβάνετε – 6x in James – here, present active indicative –

1:7 For that person must not suppose that a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, will receive anything from the Lord.
1:12 Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.
3:1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness.

4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

5:7 Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain.

5:10 As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

διότι – 23x in NT, 1x in James –

Luke 1:13, Luke 2:7, Luke 21:28, Acts 13:35, Acts 18:10, Acts 18:10, Acts 20:26, Acts 22:18, Romans 1:19, Romans 1:21, Romans 3:20, Romans 8:7, 1Cor 15:9, Phil 2:26, 1Thess 2:8, 1Thess 2:18, 1Thess 4:6, Heb 11:5, Heb 11:23, James 4:3, 1Peter 1:16, 1Peter 1:24, 1Peter 2:6

κακῶς – 16x in NT –

Matt 4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.

Matt 8:16 That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.

Matt 9:12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Matt 14:35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent round to all that region and brought to him all that were sick,

Matt 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon."

Matt 17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.

Matt 21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Mark 1:32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

Mark 1:34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 2:17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 6:55 and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets to any place where they heard he was.

Luke 5:31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick;

Luke 7:2 Now a centurion had a slave who was dear to him, who was sick and at the point of death.

John 18:23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

Acts 23:5 And Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people."

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

αἰτεῖσθε – present middle indicative –

ἡδοναῖς – 2x in James, see v.1 above –

δαπανήσητε – 5x in NT – to pay out money (or other assets) as a means of obtaining benefits or in payment for benefits - to spend completely, with the implication of uselessly, and therefore, to waste - to exert great effort in doing something -

Mark 5:26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

Luke 15:14 And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want.

Acts 21:24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you but that you yourself live in observance of the law.

2Cor 12:15 I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you the more, am I to be loved the less?

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4:4

μοιχαλίδες, οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ἡ φιλία τοῦ κόσμου ἐχθρα τοῦ θεοῦ ἐστίν; ὃς ἐὰν οὖν βουληθῆ φίλος εἶναι τοῦ κόσμου, ἐχθρὸς τοῦ θεοῦ καθίσταται.

Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

4:5

ἢ δοκεῖτε ὅτι κενῶς ἡ γραφή λέγει, Πρὸς φθόνον ἐπιποθεῖ τὸ πνεῦμα ὃ κατώκισεν ἐν ἡμῖν,

Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

4:6

μείζονα δὲ δίδωσιν χάριν; διὸ λέγει, Ὁ θεὸς ὑπερηφάνους ἀντιτάσσεται, ταπεινοῖς δὲ δίδωσιν χάριν.

But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

4:7

ὑποτάγητε οὖν τῷ θεῷ, ἀντίστητε δὲ τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ φεύξεται ἀφ' ὑμῶν,
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Parallel to 1 Peter 5:8-9

Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 5.9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

Parallel to Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 6.12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Parallel to Testament Naphthali 8:4

If you achieve good, my children, men and angels will bless you; and God will be glorified through you among the gentiles. The Devil will flee from you; wild animals will be afraid of you.

ὑποτάγητε – 38x in NT – any imperative 6x * - aorist passive imperative, 3x * - *to submit to the orders or directives of someone* -

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

Luke 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

Luke 10:20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Romans 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot;

Romans 8:20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope;

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Romans 10:3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

*Romans 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Romans 13:5 Therefore one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

1Cor 14:32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

*1Cor 14:34 the women should keep silence in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says.

1Cor 15:27 "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him.

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1Cor 16:16 I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer.

Eph 1:22 and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

Eph 5:21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Eph 5:24 As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.

Phil 3:21 who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

*Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Titus 2:5 to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind, and submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be discredited.

Titus 2:9 Bid slaves to be submissive to their masters and to give satisfaction in every respect; they are not to be refractory,

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for any honest work,

Heb 2:5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

Heb 2:8 putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control.

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Heb 12:9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

**James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**1Peter 2:13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

1Peter 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to the kind and gentle but also to the overbearing.

1Peter 3:1 Likewise you wives, be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

1Peter 3:5 So once the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves and were submissive to their husbands,

1Peter 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

**1Peter 5:5 Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

οὖν – 5x in James –

4:4 Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

4:17 Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

5:7 Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain.

5:16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

ὑποτάγητε . . . θεῷ - 1x in NT, 1x in LXX –

2Mac 9:12 καὶ μηδὲ τῆς ὀσμῆς αὐτοῦ δυνάμενος ἀνέχεσθαι ταῦτ' ἔφη δίκαιον ὑποτάσσεσθαι τῷ θεῷ καὶ μὴ θνητὸν ὄντα ἰσόθεα φρονεῖν

And when he could not endure his own stench, he uttered these words: "It is right to be subject to God, and no mortal should think that he is equal to God."

θεῷ - 16x in James –

1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greeting.

1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.

1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one;

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1:20 for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.

1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him?

2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe -- and shudder.

2:23 and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

2:23 and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God.

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4:6 But he gives more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

ἀντίστητε – 14x in NT – aorist active imperative, 2x * - *to resist by actively opposing pressure or power* -

Matt 5:39 But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also;

Luke 21:15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

Acts 6:10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.

Acts 13:8 But El'ymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) withstood them, seeking to turn away the proconsul from the faith.

Romans 9:19 You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"

Romans 13:2 Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

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Gal 2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Eph 6:13 Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

2Tim 3:8 As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the

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2Tim 4:15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

*James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

*1Peter 5:9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

δίαβόλω - 37x in NT – *the principal supernatural evil being - an evil supernatural being or spirit - one who engages in slander - a wicked person who has a number of characteristics typical of the Devil -*

Matt 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matt 4:5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

Matt 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them;

Matt 4:11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Matt 13:39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Matt 25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

Luke 4:2 for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry.

Luke 4:3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Luke 4:6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 8:12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved.

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do

John 13:2 And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 13:10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"

Eph 4:27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

1Tim 3:6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil;

1Tim 3:7 moreover he must be well thought of by outsiders, or he may fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1Tim 3:11 The women likewise must be serious, no slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things.

2Tim 2:26 and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

2Tim 3:3 inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good,

Titus 2:3 Bid the older women likewise to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good,

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1Peter 5:8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour.

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1John 3:10 By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

Jude 1:9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, disputed about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a reviling judgment upon him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Rev 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is

Rev 12:12 Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Rev 20:2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

Rev 20:10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

φεύξεται – 29x in NT – *to move quickly from a point or area in order to avoid presumed danger or difficulty* – future middle deponent indicative, 2x * -

Matt 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Matt 8:33 The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs.

Matt 10:23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.

Matt 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?"

Matt 24:16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

Matt 26:56 But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

Mark 5:14 The herdsmen fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.

Mark 13:14 "But when you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

Mark 14:50 And they all forsook him, and fled.

Mark 14:52 but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Mark 16:8 And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Luke 3:7 He said therefore to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Luke 8:34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country.

Luke 21:21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it;

*John 10:5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

John 10:12 He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

Acts 7:29 At this retort Moses fled, and became an exile in the land of Mid'ian, where he became the father of two sons.

Acts 27:30 And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow,

1Cor 6:18 Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body.

1Cor 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, shun the worship of idols.

1Tim 6:11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

2Tim 2:22 So shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart.

Heb 11:34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

*James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Rev 9:6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death will fly from them.

Rev 12:6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which to be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found;

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who sat upon it; from his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

ἀφ' ὑμῶν – 2x in James –

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

5:4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

4:8

ἐγγίσατε τῷ θεῷ καὶ ἐγγιεῖ ὑμῖν. καθαρῖσατε χεῖρας, ἁμαρτωλοί, καὶ ἀγνίσατε καρδίας, δίψυχοι.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Parallel to Hosea 12:7

καὶ σὺ ἐν θεῷ σου ἐπιστρέψεις ἔλεον καὶ κρίμα φυλάσσου καὶ ἐγγιζε πρὸς τὸν θεόν σου διὰ παντός

But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.

Parallel to Zechariah 1:3

Therefore say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

Parallel to Testament Dan 6:2

Draw near to God, and the angel that intercedes for you because he is the mediator between God and men for the peace of Israel. He shall stand in opposition to the kingdom of the enemy.

Parallel to Matthew 3:7

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Parallel to Psalm 18:21

For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

ἐγγίσατε τῷ θεῷ - 2x in NT –

Heb 7:19 (for the law made nothing perfect); on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

ἐγγίσατε – 48x in NT, 3x in James – here, aorist active imperative –

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5:8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

ἐγγιεῖ – future active indicative –

καθαρίσατε – 31x in NT – aorist active imperative, 2x * - imperative, 7x in LXX –

Matt 8:2 and behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."
Matt 8:3 And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
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Matt 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.
Matt 11:5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.
Matt 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity.
*Matt 23:26 You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean.
Mark 1:40 And a leper came to him beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."
Mark 1:41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean."
Mark 1:42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.
Mark 7:19 since it enters, not his heart but his stomach, and so passes on?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)
Luke 4:27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Eli'sha; and none of them was cleansed, but only Na'aman the Syrian."
Luke 5:12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and besought him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."
Luke 5:13 And he stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him.
Luke 7:22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.
Luke 11:39 And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of extortion and wickedness.
Luke 17:14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.
Luke 17:17 Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"
Acts 10:15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has cleansed, you must not call common."
Acts 11:9 But the voice answered a second time from heaven, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."
Acts 15:9 and he made no distinction between us and them, but cleansed their hearts by faith.
2Cor 7:1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.
Eph 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
Titus 2:14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.
Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
Heb 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
Heb 9:23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.
Heb 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered? If the worshipers had once been cleansed, they would no longer have any consciousness of sin.
*James 4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.
1John 1:7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Gen 35:2 εἶπεν δὲ Ἰακωβ τῷ οἴκῳ αὐτοῦ καὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς μετ' αὐτοῦ ἄρατε τοὺς θεοὺς τοὺς ἄλλοτρίους τοὺς μεθ' ὑμῶν ἐκ μέσου ὑμῶν καὶ καθαρίσασθε καὶ ἀλλάξατε τὰς στολὰς ὑμῶν (*aorist middle imperative*)
So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments;
JoshB 17:15 καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς Ἰησοῦς εἰ λαὸς πολλὸς εἶ ἀνάβηθι εἰς τὸν δρυμὸν καὶ ἐκκάθαρον σεαυτῶ εἰ στενωχωρεῖ σε τὸ ὄρος τὸ Εφραϊμ (*aorist active imperative*)
And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Per'izzites and the Reph'aim, since the hill country of E'phraim is too narrow for you."
2/4Kgs 5:13 καὶ ἤγγισαν οἱ παῖδες αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐλάλησαν πρὸς αὐτόν μέγαν λόγον ἐλάλησεν ὁ προφῆτης πρὸς σέ οὐχὶ ποιήσεις καὶ ὅτι εἶπεν πρὸς σέ λούσαι καὶ καθαρίσθητι (*aorist paaassive imperative*)
But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, Wash, and be clean'?"
Ps 18:13 παραπτώματα τίς συνήσει ἐκ τῶν κρυφίων μου καθάρισόν με (*aorist active imperative*)
19:12 But who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults.
Ps 50:4 ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλύνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με (*aorist active imperative*)
51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
Isa 57:14 καὶ ἐρούσιν καθαρίσατε ἀπὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ ὁδοὺς καὶ ἄρατε σκῶλα ἀπὸ τῆς ὁδοῦ τοῦ λαοῦ μου (*aorist active imperative*)
And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."
Sir 38:10 ἀπόστισον πλημμέλειαν καὶ εὐθυνον χεῖρας καὶ ἀπὸ πάσης ἀμαρτίας καθάρισον καρδίαν (*aorist active imperative*)
Give up your faults and direct your hands aright, and cleanse your heart from all sin.

καθαρίσατε χεῖρας – 1x in NT –

χεῖρας – 177x in NT, 1x in James –

ἀμαρτωλοι – 47x in NT, 2x in James – pertaining to sinful behavior -

Exegetical notes on James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

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Matt 9:10, Matt 9:11, Matt 9:13, Matt 11:19, Matt 26:45, Mark 2:15, Mark 2:16, Mark 2:16, Mark 2:17, Mark 8:38, Mark 14:41, Luke 5:8, Luke 5:30, Luke 5:32, Luke 6:32, Luke 6:33, Luke 6:34, Luke 6:34, Luke 7:34, Luke 7:37, Luke 7:39, Luke 13:2, Luke 15:1, Luke 15:2, Luke 15:7, Luke 15:10, Luke 18:13, Luke 19:7, Luke 24:7, John 9:16, John 9:24, John 9:25, John 9:31, Romans 3:7, Romans 5:8, Romans 5:19, Romans 7:13, Gal 2:15, Gal 2:17, 1Tim 1:9, 1Tim 1:15, Heb 7:26, Heb 12:3, James 4:8, James 5:20, 1Peter 4:18, Jude 1:15

ἀγνίσσατε – 7x in NT – to purify and cleanse ritually and thus acquire a state of ritual acceptability - to cause a state of moral purity – here, aorist active imperative, the only other imperative, is the aorist passive imperative at Acts 21:24. (6 imperatives in LXX)

John 11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

*Acts 21:24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you but that you yourself live in observance of the law.

Acts 21:26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself with them and went into the temple, to give notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for every one of them.

Acts 24:18 As I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia --

*James 4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

1Peter 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart.

1John 3:3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Exod 19:10 εἶπεν δὲ κύριος πρὸς Μωυσῆν καταβάς διαμάρτυραι τῷ λαῷ καὶ ἀγνισον αὐτοὺς σήμερον καὶ αὐριον καὶ πλυνάτωσαν τὰ ἱμάτια (*aorist active imperative*)

And the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments,

Num 11:18 καὶ τῷ λαῷ ἐρεῖς ἀγνισασθε εἰς αὐριον καὶ φάγεσθε κρέα ὅτι ἐκλαύσατε ἐναντι κυρίου λέγοντες τίς ἡμᾶς ψωμιεῖ κρέα ὅτι καλὸν ἡμῖν ἐστιν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ καὶ δώσει κύριος ὑμῖν κρέα φαγεῖν καὶ φάγεσθε κρέα (*aorist middle imperative*)

And say to the people, Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat.

JoshB 3:5 καὶ εἶπεν Ἰησοῦς τῷ λαῷ ἀγνισασθε εἰς αὐριον ὅτι αὐριον ποιήσει ἐν ὑμῖν κύριος θαυμαστά (*aorist middle imperative*)

And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

2Chr 29:5 καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ἀκούσατε οἱ Λευῖται νῦν ἀγνίσθητε καὶ ἀγνίσσατε τὸν οἶκον κυρίου θεοῦ τῶν πατέρων ὑμῶν καὶ

ἐκβάλετε τὴν ἀκαθαρσίαν ἐκ τῶν ἁγίων (*aorist passive imperative*)

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Jer 12:3 καὶ σὺ κύριε γινώσκεις με δεδοκίμακας τὴν καρδίαν μου ἐναντίον σου ἀγνισον αὐτοὺς εἰς ἡμέραν σφαγῆς αὐτῶν (*aorist active imperative*)

But thou, O LORD, knowest me; thou seest me, and triest my heart toward thee. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter.

ἀγνίσσατε καρδίας – 1x in NT, no LXX –

καρδίας – 156x in NT, 5x in James –

1:26 If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain.

3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

5:5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

5:8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

δίψυχοι – 2x in NT – pertaining to being uncertain about the truth of something -

1:8 For that person must not suppose that a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, will receive anything from the Lord.

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