

# How To End Wars

(James 4:1-12)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever heard of the War of Whiskers, the War of the Oaken Bucket; The War of Jenkins Ear, or the Football War?
  2. These were all real wars, wherein people lost their lives, but the reasons behind these wars seem trivial.
  3. It seems humanity has a propensity toward making war.
  4. War is a fact of life. In spite of treaties and world peace organizations, war continues to plague the world.
  5. But war also occurs within churches and among Christian people and many casualties occur from "friendly fire."
    - a. Often times, these wars are fought over equally insignificant matters.
  5. What can we do to bring an end to these frivolous wars.

## I. Value Peace

- A. (Psalm 133:1).
- B. (Genesis 13; 2 Samuel 13-18; Luke 9:46-48).
- C. (1 Corinthians 6:1-8).
- D. (Galatians 5:18).
- E. (Romans 14:19; 2 Timothy 2:24; Ephesians 4:3).

## II. Stop Being Selfish

- A. (James 4:1).
- B. (Isaiah 53:6).
- C. An inward focus will result in unhappiness and envy of others.

## III. Acknowledge God

- A. Submit (James 4:7).
- B. Draw Near (James 4:8).
- C. Humble Yourself (James 4:9-10).

- Conclusion:
1. If we love peace, stop pursuing our selfish desires, and draw near to God, he will cleanse us, forgive us, and the wars will cease.
  2. (Isaiah 32:17).