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(14) But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
 (15) This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
 (16) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
 (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
 (18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

(14) But if you have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, do not boast, and do not lie against the truth.
 (15) This wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.
 (16) Because where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
 (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be persuaded, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
 (18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Chapter 4

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(1) From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?
 (2) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
 (3) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.
 (4) Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
 (5) Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
 (6) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

(1) From where do wars and fights come among you? do they not come from here, *even* from your lusts that war in your members?
 (2) You lust, and do not have: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you fight and war, yet you do not have, because you do not ask.
 (3) You ask, and do not receive, because you ask for the wrong reasons, that you may consume *it* upon your lusts.
 (4) You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is sin against God? whoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
 (5) Do you think that the scripture says in vain, **The spirit that lives in us lusts to envy?**^a
 (6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, **God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**^b

4:5a - Gen. 6:5;8:21; Num. 11:9; Prov. 21:10
 4:6b - Prov. 3:34

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(7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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(8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

(8) Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double minded.

(9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

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(10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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(11) Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

(11) Do not speak evil of one another, brothers. He who speaks evil of *his* brother, and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law: but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.

(12) There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

(12) There is one Lawgiver, Who is able to save and to destroy: who are you who judges another?

(13) Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

(13) Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and make a profit:

(14) Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

(14) Whereas you do not know what tomorrow *shall be*. Because what is your life? It is but a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

(15) For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

(15) But what you *ought* to say is, If the Lord wills, we shall live, and do this, or that.

(16) But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

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(17) Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

(17) Therefore to him who knows to do good, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Chapter 5

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(1) Go to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.

(1) Come now, *you* rich men, weep and howl because of your miseries that shall come upon *you*.