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## What is Wrong With the Christians of America?

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James 4:1-17 "From whence come wars and fightings  
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kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye  
because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, be-  
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may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and  
that the friendship of the world is enmity with God  
a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye  
vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to env  
Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but gi  
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the dev  
Drawn to God, and he will draw you to you. Cl  
and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflic  
your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy  
yourself in the sight of the Lord, and he shall  
another, brethren. He that speaketh the vil of his br  
speaketh the vil of the law, and judgeth the law: but  
not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one  
to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? Go  
tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue  
and get gain: Where as ye know not what shall be on  
your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a  
away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will,

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there a year, and buy and sell,  
themorrow. For what is  
little time, and then vanisheth  
we shall live, and do this, or that.

But now you rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoice that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him

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Have you ever wondered why the Christians of America do not act like the Christians of the Bible? Have you ever wondered why Baptists do not act like the Christians of the Bible? Have you ever wondered why we do not seem more happen from God and by God in our country? Have you ever wondered why the children and adults in our independent Baptist churches have very little spiritual interest? Have you ever wondered why the adults in our churches are more interested in the world than in the things of God?

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### 1. We Envy Sinners

A recent survey was done of the children who were in 8th grade in America. They were asked who their heroes were. They were asked whom they most wanted to be like. Guess what folks; the top thirty answers were people involved in the entertainment or sports industry. People like Madonna, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, rock groups, and teen singers of rock and country music. I wondered who the children of our church would say their heroes were? I can hear some children say, "I want to be like Reggie Miller and the Pacers." How pathetic can we be? I want you to turn in your Bible to four passages of scripture. Psalm 33: 12, "Blessed is the nation whose people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. How righteous is his name: but sinners are hated: because they do not fear him: therefore shall all that hate him be counted as sinners." Proverbs 14: 12, 14, "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. The backslider in heart shall be hated, and a good man shall be satisfied from himself." Proverbs 14: 26, "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall not be ashamed."

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The problem with the Christians of America is we secretly desire in many instances to openly desire to be like the ungodly. Most of the people on the list that the young people said they most admired and wanted to be like were immoral, ungodly wicked people. Jesus said, "The envy of the sinners is the Lord of four life; Christ is not Lord of four life;

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I recently heard Magic Johnson say when asked about the problem with America is we are uneducated. No folks, the problem with America is we are immoral and we envy the wicked. We encourage our children to be immoral lifestyles and want to be like them and we encourage our children to be wickedness. This is a man who was involved with numerous women who were not his wife and yet he states, "we

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are uneducated." He is put up as a role model for  
What is our problem? We envy the sinners. Folks do  
problem in independent Baptist churches because it  
independent Baptist church recently have a license  
that says, "if it ain't country it ain't good." What  
and western music. Would we not consider that to be  
pastor and his son to have that kind of thing on the  
independent Baptist churches no one would give that  
that is the spiritual problem that many of our churches  
America is we envy the sinners.

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Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the  
whore mongers and adulterers God will judge." Folks  
children want to be like the worldly, immoral, entertainers  
personality? In many instances their parents want  
entertainment or sports industry personality and  
we envy the sinners. Christian, we need to really think  
your heart in this matter? We have a nation where  
name of Christ are wicked in their life. We have a  
living for their lusts and unfortunately many pastors  
wicked sins. What is wrong with America? We envy

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## 2. We seek attention for ourselves

The Christian today are so self-centered that they  
hit them right in the face. We are offended if it  
James 4:1-5. Our problem is right there. Look at James  
not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain  
not because ye ask not." Folks the problem is with  
to me, either you are developing a passion for God  
developing a passion for the world. There is no  
"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that  
your lusts." Folks, there is that word again. "Lust  
life for many things like cars, boats, houses, jobs  
etc. The problem for the Christians of America is  
ourselves. It is what we want and what we want to  
Bible call this spirituality adultery? Notice James  
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: ye fight and war, yet ye have  
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Is that possible? Is it possible for the Christian  
context there is Christians. You better believe it  
America, we envy the sinners and we are lusting  
ourselves. That is why the children of Christians  
devil. That is why many independent Baptist people  
not care if the church is doctrinally right or that

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live like the devil. We do  
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are raising a bunch of children and adults who are and their lusts. Who cares if the church is doctrinally sound as long as they have activities for our children to keep them interested? The question is interested in what? Folks, you listen to me carefully, the church is teaching their church that it is okay to live by your lusts. We are to teach our children and our parents to deny their lusts. Titus 2:11-12, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

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### 3. We have no Spiritual Aim

Most Christians in this country are not interested in the lost. They are not interested in growing spiritually. They are not interested in prayer and doctrinal soundness. They are not interested in good Bible teaching and preaching. They are not going after spiritual results in their life. They are not interested in good Bible teaching and preaching. They are not going after spiritual results in their life. Folks are you developing a passion for God in your life? Are you men here developing a passion for God in your wife and children? You must have a spiritual aim in your life. Seek after it.

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Let me give you a spiritual aim in your life. Matthew 6:33, 24, 21, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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Folks, let me share with you tonight if you have no spiritual aim in your life, you will fail. Let me give you something to aim at. Seek God first in your life. Do not exalt the wicked and immoral in your life. Do not exalt the perverseness of this lustful, ungodly society in your life and home. Aim for godliness and purity in your life. We have over the last year heard a lot about Columbine. These two boys listened to rock music. Their heroes were the rock music stars. They listened day and night to the wicked lyrics of those songs. It is always amazing to me that many Christians allow their children to expect their children to live for God. It will never happen in their life. You will never have a real walk with God in your life if you do not understand these spiritual principles tonight and your children will not walk with God either.

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Have you ever thought about?

1. Envy of sinners, answer, put Christ first.

2. Attention for yourself, answer, set your affecti on on things above.

3. No spiritual aim, answer, start working at being the best Christian you can be and develop a passion for God in your life. That will translate into being a good godly, husband, wife, father, and mother.

I challenge you tonight set your aim on Christ!