

- h. You cannot solve the problems of marriage by changing your spouse. You cannot change your spouse in marriage; you can only change yourself by recovering from the fragmented life.
8. Marriage and the Arrogance of Unhappiness.
- a. The arrogance of unhappiness is that fragment of the grenade which seeks to control everyone in your environment, including your family, friends, loved ones, business associates, etc.
 - b. The arrogance of unhappiness seeks to control in two ways.
 - (1) Make the person feel guilty for alleged neglect; motivate attention through guilt.
 - (2) Motivate attention through the arousal of pity in others. But even if you succeed in getting your spouse to feel sorry for you, you haven't solved the problems of marriage.
 - (3) The arrogance of unhappiness seeks to dominate, control, and enslave the opposite number in marriage.
 - (4) Illusions about marriage from the arrogance of unhappiness.
 - c. You cannot build your happiness on the details of life; e.g., money, success, power, pleasure, approbation, social life, friends, health, sex. These all have a legitimate place in life, but you cannot lean on them for happiness or problem-solving.
 - d. You cannot build your happiness on a pleasant environment.
 - e. You cannot build your happiness on crusader arrogance; e.g., Christian activism, socialism, social engineering, violence, revolution.
 - f. You cannot build your happiness on someone else's unhappiness, or by hurting someone else.
 - g. You cannot build your happiness on a moment of time, a moment of pleasure, money, success, power, pleasure, approbation, social life, friends, health, sex. These all have a legitimate place in life, but you cannot lean on them for happiness or problem-solving.
 - h. You cannot build your happiness on self-gratification, which includes drug abuse, beauty, attractiveness, and marriage.



9. Only Bible doctrine can make you happy.
 - a. Marriage cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that.
 - b. Sex cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that.
 - c. Prosperity and power cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that.
 - d. Money cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that.
 - e. Health cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that.
 - f. People cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that. If you have perfect happiness, other people cannot make you unhappy either, but you can make them happy.
 - g. A friendly church cannot make you happy; only Bible doctrine can do that.
10. The Desperation Syndrome.
 - a. Most people with marital problems are desperate; they want answers right now! Desperate people are always impatient for instant solutions or a miracle. This results in the desperation syndrome.
 - b. People are no better in marriage than they are as people. Consequently, impatient, desperate people fail to realize that it took years to become a loser.
 - c. Therefore, you cannot instantly patch up the problems of a perpetually fragmented life.
 - d. The only permanent solution to the problem is consistent post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation. Part of understanding doctrine is learning and using problem-solving devices.
 - e. Therefore, you cannot solve the problem instantly because you cannot learn all the doctrine you need in a few minutes.
 - f. Desperate and instant solutions are not solutions at all. You cannot stop the flood by putting your finger in the dike; you need to build a dam.
 - g. Fragmented believers are desperate believers who want instant help. Generally, desperate people grasp at straws. They insist on counseling and want help immediately.



- h. When you have lost control of your life through fragmentation and neglect of doctrine, there is no instant solution outside of rebound and keep moving while learning doctrine.
 - i. Perpetual fragmentation involves too many bad decisions from a position of weakness, which includes neglect of Bible doctrine, entering the various stages of reversionism, fragmentation, and entering the cosmic systems.
11. The Aspirin Panacea.
- a. Desperate people want simple solutions. Desperate people are irrational, so they can only understand what is simple.
 - b. Desperate people want short-term solutions. They want instant relief from their accumulated problems.
 - c. But divine solutions require the time it takes to learn pertinent doctrine which can be applied to the situation.
 - d. You cannot recover in a day what you lost over a long period of time. There is no permanent solution to the problems of life until you master and use those problem-solving devices.
 - e. Marital problems in themselves are merely symptoms of the disease; they are not actually the disease. Curing the symptoms will not cure the disease.
 - f. The disease is fragmentation within the soul. The cure is the perception and practice of the problem-solving devices. You may temporarily separate yourself from the symptoms, but you still have the disease until you stop fragmenting.
12. Unhappy versus Happy Marriages.
- a. Marital problems are symptoms; fragmentation is the disease.
 - b. Only the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan can solve the disease of the fragmented life of the Christian.
 - c. People are no better in marriage than they are as people.
 - d. Marriages fail because believers fragment their own lives. Therefore, marriage fails because people fail as human beings.
 - e. Marriages fail because believers assume that marriage is a panacea, a solution to all their problems.
 - f. Actually, marriage intensifies the problems of life by merging the problems of two people.
 - g. Marriage is not designed for happiness but for virtue.



- h. Virtue is designed for happiness. Therefore, the secret to a happy marriage is virtue.
- i. Therefore, happiness in marriage depends on learning and utilizing the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God.

Thus concludes our review of *The Letter of James: Chapter Four*, plus the study of the **Doctrine of Fragmentation**, for the purpose of orientation to the two reversionists who introduce *The Letter of James: Chapter Five*.

Our study of *The Letter of James* exposes the mindset of some of those early believers who did place their faith in Christ as the Messiah, but retained the same inventory of ideas which they practiced as unbelievers. What matters now is whether they will focus their attention on New Testament theology or remain bound by the Mosaic Law or ensconced in the cosmic systems.

Consequently, as a believer, one's spiritual life is not based on material possessions but rather on the inventory of doctrinal ideas circulating in his soul's stream of consciousness and the volitional motivation to apply them.

I suggest that we all consider adopting the mindset of the Apostle Paul whose personal testimony in 2 Corinthians 11 reveals the fact that orientation to his duties as a servant of Christ, one of the twelve apostles, and writer of 13 Letters of New Testament canon.

In 2 Corinthians 11:21–28, Paul rails at the Corinthian believers who have been critical of him. Here is his diatribe:

2 Corinthians 11:21 **I [Paul]** keep speaking to the Corinthians according to the standard of dishonor as though we ourselves had been powerless and fainthearted in authority, contemptible, and weak, and yet, by whatever means, anyone would be courageous ... I am courageous also.

v. 22 Are they Hebrews? Yes they are. So am I! Are they Israelites? Yes they are! So am I! Are they the descendants of Abraham? Yes they are. So am I!

v. 23 Are they ministers of Christ? I more than they! In the sphere of the working to the point of exhaustion from studying and teaching, much more abundantly, in prison more frequently **[where he was persecuted for teaching the truth]**, in wounds from floggings and to a greater degree, in dangers of deaths, many times.

