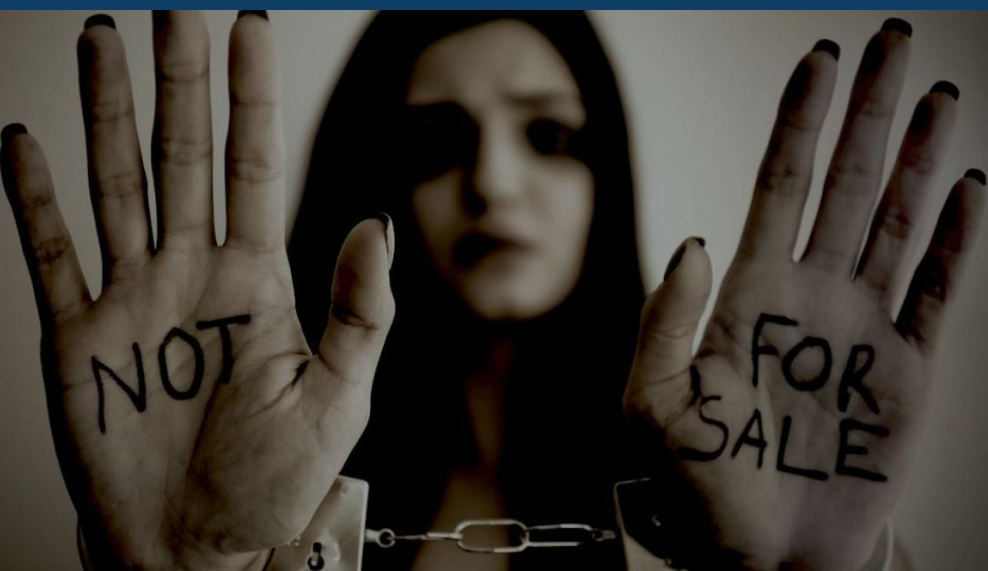




Overcoming Worldly Desires



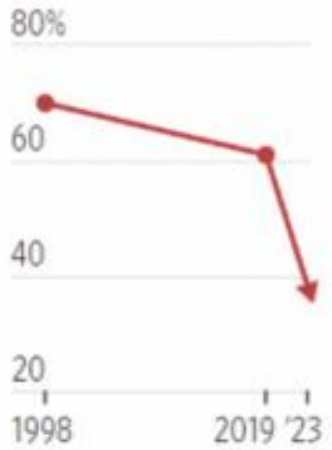


What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

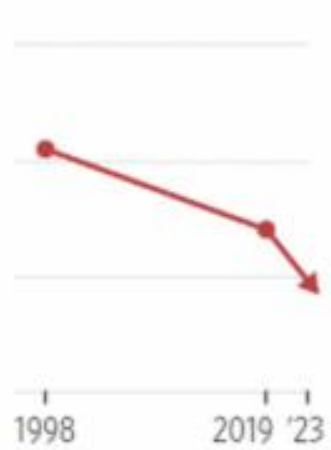
James 4:1-2

Percentage who say these values are 'very important' to them

Patriotism



Religion



Having children



Community involvement



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Source: WSJ/NORC poll of 1,019 adults conducted March 1-13, 2023; margin of error +/-4.1 pct. pts. Prior data from WSJ/NBC News telephone polls, most recently of 1,000 adults conducted Aug. 10-14, 2019; margin of error +/-3.1 pct. pts.

Wealth and Riches

(According to the Canadian Red Cross)

75%

**Richer than
the rest of the world**

Food in refrigerator

Clothes on back

Roof over head

Place to sleep

8%

**Of the world's
wealthiest**

Money in bank

Money in wallet

Spare change in a dish

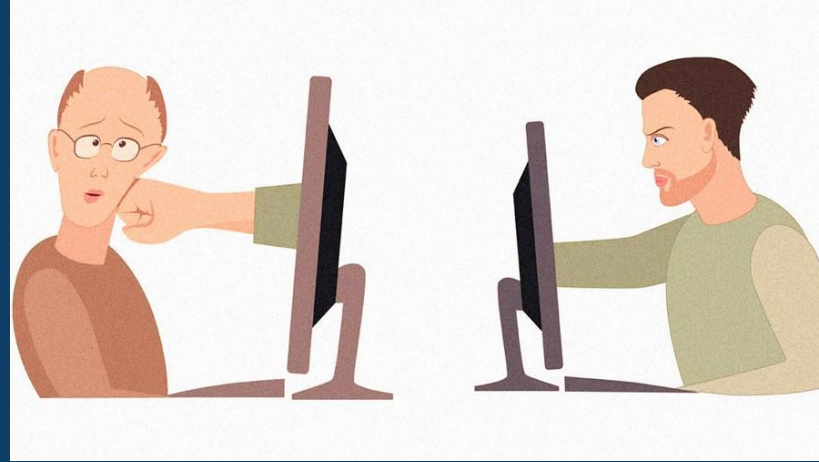


When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

James 4:3-5

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:6-10



Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbor?

James 4:11-12

Before You Speak THINK

T - *Is it True?*

H - *Is it Helpful?*

I - *Is it Inspiring?*

N - *Is it Necessary?*

K - *Is it Kind?*

Before You Speak THINK

T - *Is it True?*

He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart.

Psalms 15:2

H - *Is it Helpful?*

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29