

James 3:14~ But if you have bitter jealousy and contentiousness in your hearts, do not be bragging¹ and lying against the truth.

Footnote: Literally, not be you boasting down

1· James now shows that persons who have bitter jealousy and contentiousness in their hearts, will let this out through their speech, by bragging, and lying against the truth. Anointed Christians should never brag except about having divine insight toward Yehowah God's will and purpose. They should love the truth, and never cause it to be suppressed or work against its interests. We should love truth and give our very lives in behalf of it.

[Question] How do those with bitter jealousy and contentiousness in their hearts, let it out?

[Question] What is the only thing an anointed Christian should ever brag about?

[Question] How should anointed Christians feel about the truth?

2· As in the daytime let us walk decently, not in revelries and drunken bouts, not in illicit intercourse and loose conduct, not in strife and jealousy. (Romans 13:13)

[Question] How should anointed Christians walk daily, and what things should they avoid?

3· For you are yet fleshly. For whereas there are jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and are you not walking as men do? (1 Corinthians 3:3)

[Question] What things existed within the congregation in Corinth, and what did this tell Paul about them?

4· Let all malicious bitterness and anger and wrath and screaming and abusive speech, be taken away from you, along with all badness. (Ephesians 4:31)

[Question] What kinds of wrongdoing relating to speech must we avoid completely?

5· Love is long-suffering and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, does not get puffed up. (1 Corinthians 13:4)

[Question] What are some of the qualities of love?

- 6· I write you, not because you do not know the **truth**, but because you know it, and because no lie originates with the **truth**. (**1 John 2:21**)

[Question] What never originates with the truth?

- 7· And his brothers grew jealous of him, but his father observed the saying; (**Genesis 37:11**)

[Question] How did Joseph's brothers treat him over his dreams?

- 8· A false witness that launches forth lies, and anyone sending forth contentions among brothers. (**Proverbs 6:19**)

[Question] Whom does Yehowah God hate?

- 9· There is the cruelty of rage, also the flood of anger, but who can stand before **jealousy**? (**Proverbs 27:4**)

[Question] What are some difficult things to stand against, and maintain proper speech?

- 10· If, though, you keep on biting and devouring one another, look out that you do not get annihilated by one another. (**Galatians 5:15**)

[Question] What will happen to those who use speech to attack one another within the congregation?

- 11· But the former do it out of **contentiousness**, not with a pure motive, for they are supposing to stir up tribulation for me in my prison bonds. (**Philippians 1:17**)

[Question] What was motivating many in their speech, against the apostle Paul, when he was in prison bonds?

- 12· Doing nothing out of **contentiousness** or out of egotism, but with lowliness of mind considering that the others are superior to you. (**Philippians 2:3**)

[Question] What should never be the motivation for anointed Christians' speech, and how should we view others?

- 13· From what source are there wars and from what source are there fights among you? Are they not from this source, namely, from your cravings for sensual pleasure that carry on a conflict in your members? (**James 4:1**)

[Question] What causes wars and conflicts between the members of the congregation according to James?