



“Idol Words”

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Message Series: “Out of Control –
Taming the Power of the Tongue”

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¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

So what causes fights, quarrels, and idol words?

- The **clashing** of **desires** in you – **hedonism**.
- The **lack** of **communion** with God – **prayerlessness**.
- The **heart** of **spiritual** adultery – **idolatry**.

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Sermon Notes

- Audio and video recordings of this message and an outline (with answers) will be posted to the Grace website later today at **www.atgrace.com/sermons**.
- A list of songs played during the contemporary service (along with iTunes links for each) can be found at **www.atgrace.com/songlist**.