

# *Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser, April 2!*













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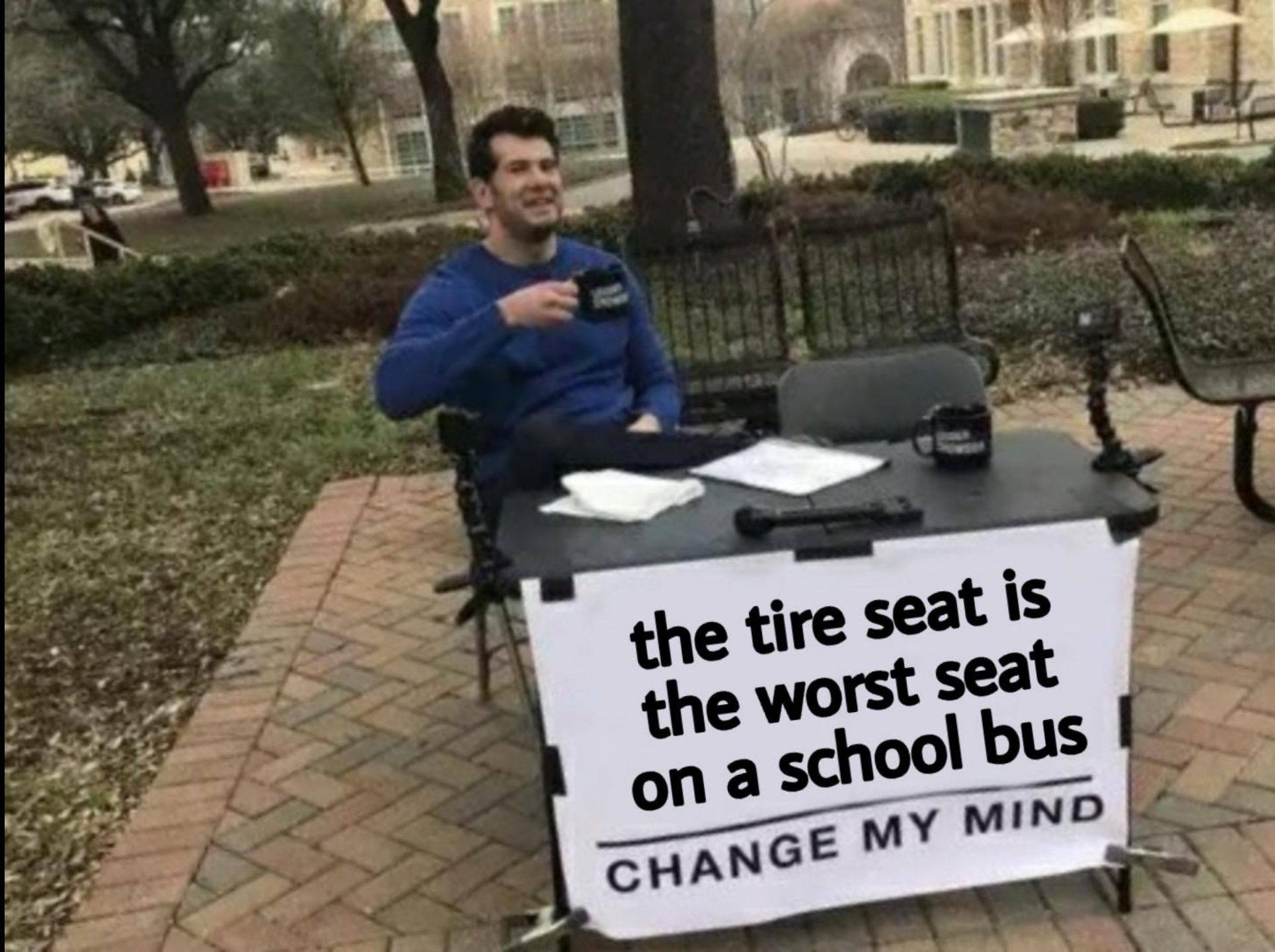


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Or The Highway.



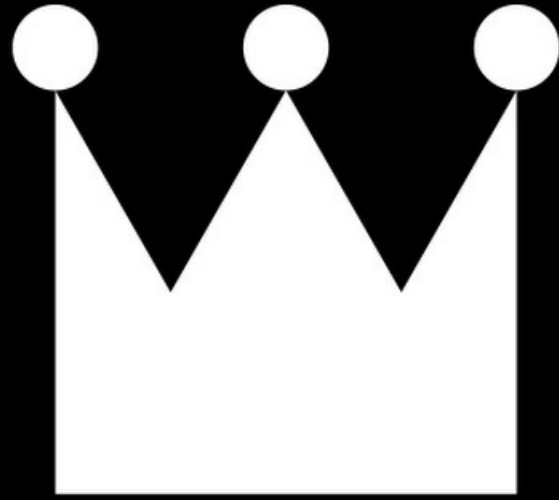




**the tire seat is  
the worst seat  
on a school bus**

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**CHANGE MY MIND**



ME



# James 4:1-3

**What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?  
Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?**

**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.**

**You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to  
spend it on your passions.**





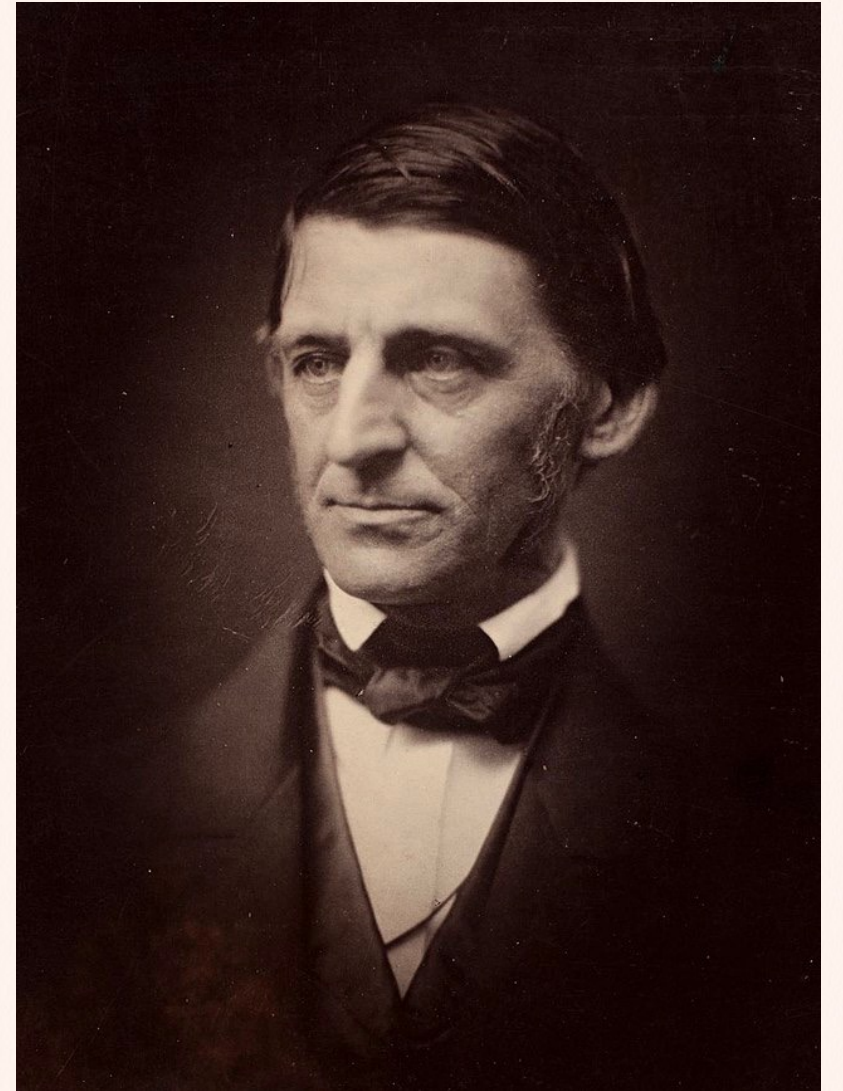
# Matthew 15:18-19

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.



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“What lies behind us  
and what lies before us  
are tiny matters,  
compared to what lies  
within us!”

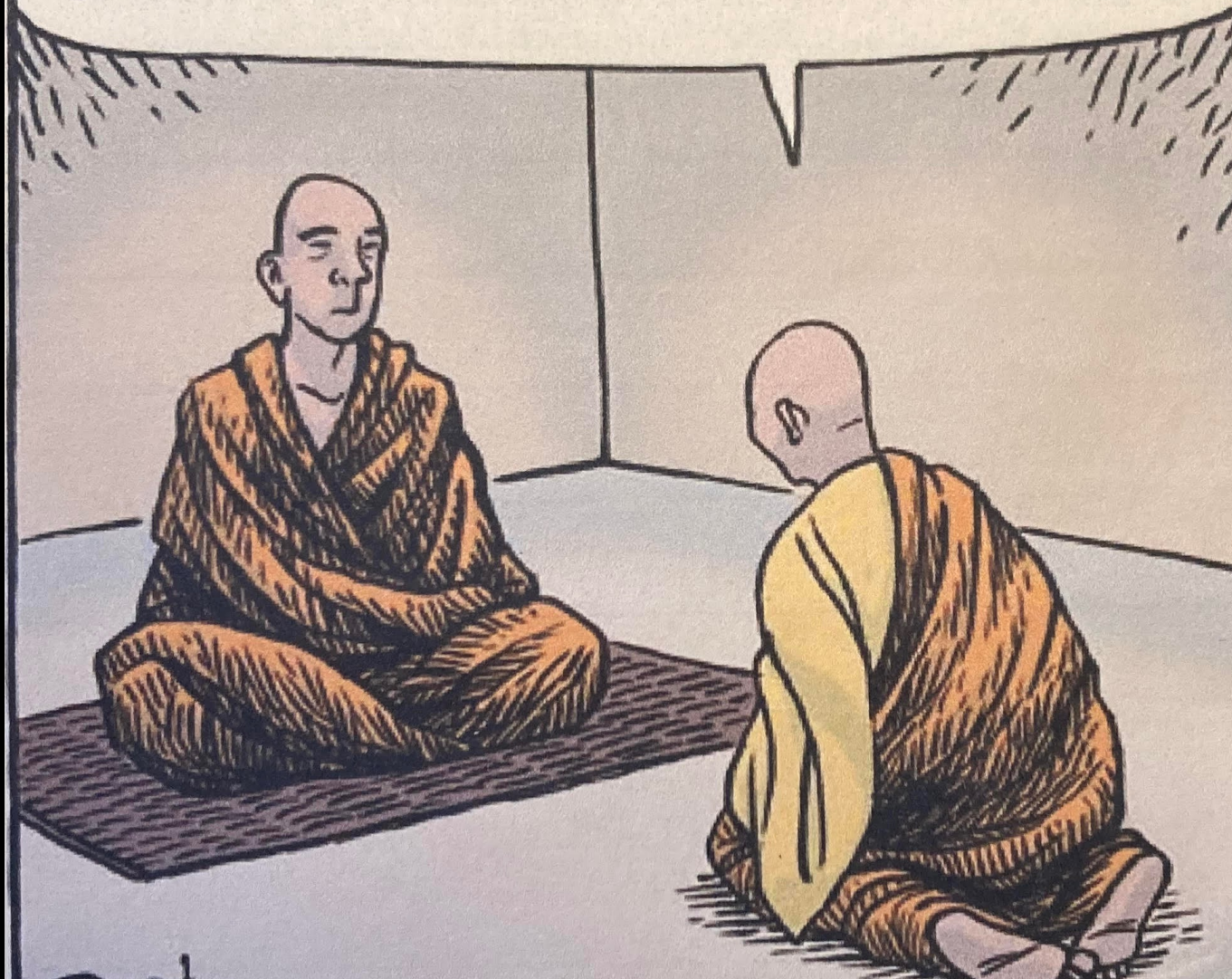


Ralph Waldo Emerson

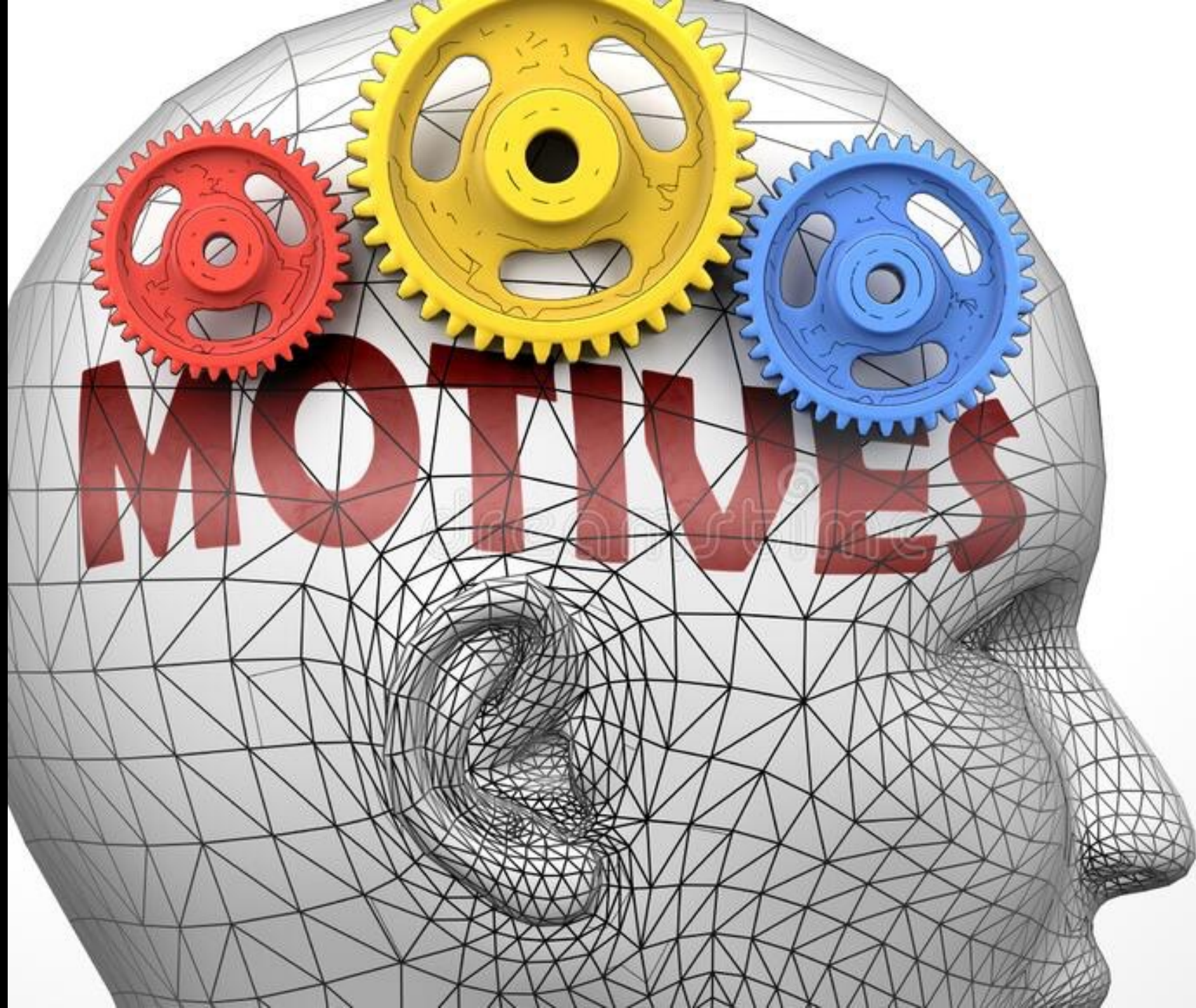




What do you do when you have freed yourself of all desire except the desire to be free from desire?













# Question:

Have you ever had a strong desire for something, and found yourself discontent, and maybe even grumbling and complaining about it?





IF IT IS TO BE

IT IS UP TO ME



# James 4:4-5

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.

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”?



# Being led, driven, and ruled by one's passions...

= spiritual adultery

= friendship with the world

= enmity (hostility) toward God

= making God jealous

= making yourself God's enemy



# John 15:19

If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.



**Their tendency to imitate the world was evidenced by their:**

- discriminating against people (2:1-13)**
- speaking negatively of others (3:1-12)**
- bitter envy and selfish ambition (3:13-18)**
- pursuit of their own destructive pleasures (4:1-3)**



# 1 John 2:15-17

**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

**For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.**

**And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.**





# 1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,



## 2 Peter 1:4

... [God] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.





# Joshua 24:15

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



# James 4:5

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”?



## Ezekiel 6:9 (NASB)

Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive, how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes which played the harlot after their idols; and they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations.



## 2 Corinthians 11:2

For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.



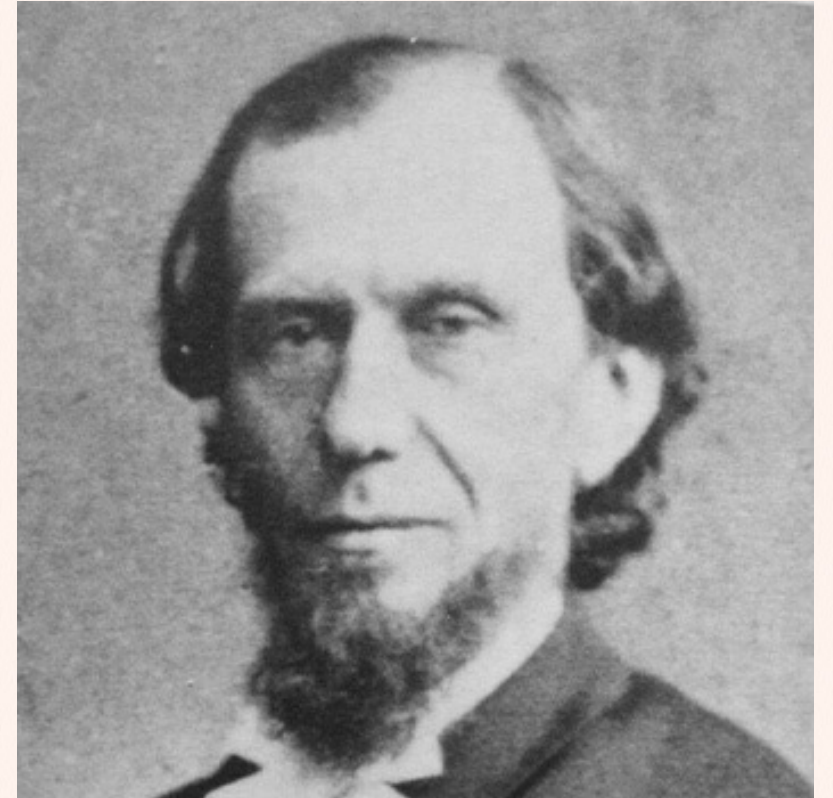


# James 4:6

**But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**

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**“Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me.**

**It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.”**



**Andrew Murray**





Thomas Boston

“Pride is the very image of the devil.”



# James 4:7-10

**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

**Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

**Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.**

**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**





# Summary

1. **Submit to God:** (agree with his will)
2. **Resist the devil:** (renounce and forsake sin)
3. **Draw near to God:** (seek and pray to him)
4. **Cleanse your hands:** (change your behavior)
5. **Purify your hearts:** (change your motives)
6. **Be miserable & mourn:** (be remorseful desperate)
7. **Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord:** (in relationship)

“The index of the soundness of a man’s faith in Christ is the genuineness of the self-despair from which it springs.”



J.I. Packer



# James 4:9

Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

# Ezekiel 36:31

Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.













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# Precursors to Revival

1. What Christians should be doing (or not doing)
2. How we are all unable to do those things in our own strength
3. Why we need Jesus, and his Holy Spirit in order to change
4. Personal repentance





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# James 4:10

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Give me a deeper  
repentance, a horror of sin, a  
dread of its approach; Help  
me chastely to flee it, and  
jealously to resolve that my  
heart shall be thine alone.

VALLEY OF VISION

