

## James 3:16

*For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

Have you ever been confused about something? I know it's a stupid question because we have all been confused at one time or another.

We are confused if we should buy that car or house.

We are confused about our jobs and whether we should leave or stay.

We are confused about simple things like where we should go eat today.

Maybe during the holidays, you are confused on who's house you will go to for

Thanksgiving dinner, your family or your spouse's family or neither and maybe a friend's house instead?

But do you know what, there is One who was never confused, and that someone is Jesus. You never read about Jesus being confused about anything.

"Well, He is God and knows all things, why would He be confused?" You may be thinking.

This is true, but He was also man and had all the same traits we have, including the ability to be confused. Yet He never was. Why? The answer is in today's devotional verse.

† *For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

Jesus never thought about Himself, and He always put others first, after God. Jesus never worried about if He should buy a chariot to get around in, or even a home to live in.

† **Matt 8:20** *And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

Sure, Jesus may have liked to have the latest and hottest chariot to ride around in, or even a cool house, and His justification would be that others could come to Him so that He could minister to them. Yet Jesus knew that God had better plans and that these things would only hinder His ministry and even His relationship with God. Therefore, He chose to go without, rather than feed His own fleshly desires.

So next time you are confused about something, remember this next verse.

† **1 Cor 14:33** *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*

Then ask God if you have any "*envy and self-seeking*" that may be causing this confusion and to reveal it to you. Then ask God to help you deal with it.

† **Psalm 139:1-10 (NLT2)** *O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.*