

# HOW TO GET what you *really* want

## Careful What You Want For *Andy Stanley*

**Scripture:** James 4:1-3

**Idea:** If you don't know what you **really** want, you'll probably end up with exactly what you don't want.

### Introduction

1. So, what do you **want**?
2. The older you are, the less likely it is that it's even a *what*. But you want something.
3. The younger we are, the more *what* we are.
4. The older we are, the more *who* we are and the more internal we are.
5. Remember what you daydreamed about as a kid?
  - Wall of amplifiers
  - White Porsche

### I. Getting what we want is tricky for a lot of reasons:

#### A. We want our **way**.

1. But as long as we insist on having our way, we won't get what we really want.
2. People who insist on having their way get in their own way when it comes to what they ultimately want.
3. Have you seen what happens to children who always get their way? They eventually get in their own way as teenagers/adults. They undermine their own happiness. They don't get what they want because eventually what they want changes and it's out of reach.
4. When we **get** our way, we often **get in** our own way.
5. We can't **have** our way and **have** it too.

#### B. We want to do whatever we want to do. **Behind what came to mind is this toxic want.**

We want to do what we **want** to do.

**But if you always do what you want to do, you may end up in a place where your "to-do" options are limited. "Do I have to?"**