

Nuggets of Truth from James 4

Ancient Method of Reading the Word

First, take some time in silence (a few minutes) to quiet your heart in prayer and invite God to speak.

- Turning your attention to your Heavenly Father who is worthy of all praise
- Submitting to His will in your life through His Word
- Opening the depths of your understanding in alignment with the Spirit of truth whom Jesus gave us to guide us into all truth – praying in the spirit

John 16:12-14 (NIV11)

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

As you are in alignment with the Spirit of truth, read out loud very slowly the chosen passage four times with time to reflect following each reading. The four readings are: receiving, reflecting, responding, and resting - Let's practice together -

First reading (receiving): What word or phrase touches you?

James 4:7-10 (NKJV)

7 Therefore submit 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.

9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Second reading (reflecting): What in your life is touched by this word or phrase?

Third reading (responding): What is God inviting you to be or do through this word or phrase?

Fourth reading (resting): Take time in silence to rest in God's ability to bring about whatever he invited you to be or do.

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Continue this method of reading the Word this week using these sections from James 4

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James 4:1-6

James 4:7-10

James 4:11-12

James 4:13-17