

Greater Grace, Part 6

James 4:1-10 ESV

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Question: How do we receive God's "greater grace"?

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. 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"? – James 4:1-5

1. We honestly assess and _____ what is influencing us. (James 4:1-5)

¹⁵ 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. – 1 John 2:15

Live it out!

Q: Am I friends with the world, or with God? Where do I most struggle with choosing the world's way over God's wisdom?

⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 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. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and

your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. – James 4:6-10

2. We draw near to God by _____ in humility. (James 4:6-10)

Humility = An attitude of the heart, where we have a right view of ourselves before a Holy God.

How do we grow in humility?

1. Humility begins by receiving God's grace in the place we're at. (James 4:6)
2. We fully submit to God. (James 4:7a)
3. We can counter the devil's lies with God's truth, his Word. (James 4:7b)
4. We confess our sin and turn away from it. (James 4:8a)
5. We change our behaviors and beliefs to reflect His love. (James 4:8b)
6. We grieve for the way our choices have hurt others and our connection to God. (James 4:9)

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. – James 4:10
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Q: What am I being drawn closer to? How can I be drawn closer to God?