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Maximize Christ Potential in You



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KINGDOM CHARACTER IN A CULTURE OF COMPROMISE

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DRIVEN DIFFERENT

JAMES 4:1-10

WHEN
I DRIVE,
I STRUGGLE.

SELF AT THE WHEEL
LEADS TO CONFLICT,
CONTROL, AND CHAOS.



I CALL
THE SHOTS.
I CARRY
THE WEIGHT.

IT EXHAUSTS ME.
IT DOESN'T
BRING PEACE.

WHEN
JESUS DRIVES,
I FIND PEACE.

SURRENDER OPENS
THE DOOR TO GRACE,
GUIDANCE, AND
GOD'S PURPOSE.



HE KNOWS
THE WAY.
HE CARRIES
THE BURDEN.

I FIND REST.
I WALK IN PURPOSE.
I FINALLY ARRIVE.



THE CHOICE IS YOURS. WHO'S DRIVING YOUR LIFE?

SUBMIT TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL. DRAW NEAR TO GOD. HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU.

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JAMES 1, 2, 3 & 4

FOUR CONNECTED SECTIONS

THE FIRST SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
STANDS STRONG**



JAMES 1:1-27

Faith that endures trials and stays rooted in God's truth.

THE SECOND SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
WORKS DIFFERENT**



JAMES 2:1-13

Faith that treats people with honor and lives out God's love.

THE THIRD SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
TALKS DIFFERENT**



JAMES 3:1-18

Faith that speaks with wisdom, builds up others, and reflects a transformed heart.

THE FOURTH SECTION

DEALS WITH

**FAITH THAT
DRIVES DIFFERENT**



JAMES 4:1-10

Faith that submits to God, resists the world, and allows God to direct our lives.



ONE MESSAGE:

REAL FAITH SHOWS ITSELF IN WHAT WE THINK, WHAT WE DO, WHAT WE SAY, AND WHO WE LET DRIVE.

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Built Different to Drive Different

1. The Source Of Struggle
2. The Spirit Of Submission
3. The Strategy For The Solution

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James 4:1-3 (WEB) 1 Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don't they come from your pleasures that war in your members? 2 You lust, and don't have. You kill, covet, and can't obtain. You fight and war. You don't have because you don't ask. 3 You ask, and don't receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures.

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JAMES 4:1 & 4:3



THE GREEK WORD IS:

ἡδονή

(HĒDONĒ)

PRONOUNCED: HAY-DOH-NAY

MEANING

-  PLEASURE
-  SELF-GRATIFICATION
-  SENSUAL DESIRE
-  CRAVING FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION
-  LIVING FOR WHAT FEELS GOOD

HĒDONĒ IS WHEN A GOOD DESIRE
BECOMES A GOD DESIRE.

A DESIRE BECOMES HĒDONĒ WHEN:

-  COMFORT BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN OBEDIENCE.
-  SUCCESS BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN FAITHFULNESS.
-  RECOGNITION BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMILITY.
-  CONTROL BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN TRUST.
-  PLEASURE BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOD.

 JAMES 4:1 - "DON'T THEY COME FROM YOUR PLEASURES THAT WAR IN YOUR MEMBERS?"



THE WAR AROUND YOU BEGINS WITH A WAR WITHIN YOU.
HĒDONĒ DESIRES ARE ENEMY SOLDIERS FIGHTING FOR THE STEERING WHEEL OF YOUR LIFE.

NOT EVERY DESIRE IS SINFUL, BUT EVERY DESIRE BECOMES DANGEROUS WHEN IT REPLACES GOD AS THE DRIVER.

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BIG IDEA

The conflict around me is often revealing something...
God wants to change within me.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What recurring conflict keeps showing up in my life?
2. What desire might be hiding underneath that conflict?
3. Where am I demanding my own way instead of trusting God's way?
4. Have I allowed something other than God to take hold of the steering wheel?

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ACTION STEP

This week, every time you become frustrated,
stop and ask yourself one question:

What desire is being threatened right now?

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James 4:4-7 (WEB) 4 You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, The Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 7 Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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GOOD NEWS

James 4:6 - 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

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BIG IDEA

Peace is not found when you gain control...
...Peace is found when you surrender control.

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APPLICATION QUESTION

What area of my life am I still trying to drive?

My marriage?

My finances?

My future?

My children?

My health?

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ACTION STEP

Every morning this week pray:
God, I release the wheel. Lead me today.

Before you choose a direction
- Ask God: *What should I do?*

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James 4:8-10 (WEB) 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, 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 exalt you.

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James 4:8 - Purify your hearts, you double-minded.

What does James mean by "Double Minded?"

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Promise of Blessing

James 4:10

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and He will exalt you.

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APPLICATION QUESTION

1. What is one thing distracting me from God right now?
2. What are the things that keep your flesh on your steering wheel?

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ACTION STEP

For the next week...

Before you spend time trying to gratify your fleshly desires

- **Read the Word**
- **Spend time in Pray**
- **Be still and Listen**
- **Draw near to God**

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