

James 4:7- 12 – Correcting Under the Sun Thinking

*** We have talked about human vs. Heavenly wisdom. (James 3:13-18)

*** We have explored what the true cause of conflict is – selfish pride. (James 4:1-6)

1 “Submit” = a voluntary attitude to arrange under, to subordinate, to obey (v.7)

- a. Romans 12:1 – It’s a daily choice and a logical choice.
- b. “Resist” = to set oneself against, to withstand, resist, oppose

- *“And he will flee from you; as to that particular assault in which you resist him; and though he return again, and tempt you again, yet you still resisting, he will still be overcome; ye are never conquered so long as you do not consent.”* (Poole)

- Ephesians 6:10-20 – God has given true believers all they need to resist the attacks and stand firm.

2. “Draw near” = to bring near, to join one thing to another (v.8)

- a. “Cleanse” - to free from sin and from faults (v. 8-9)

- Psalm 51: 1-4, 12 – David’s example of confession of sin

- * Recognized his actions were sin
- * Admitted that his sin was against God
- * Desired restored joy and a willing heart

- b. Philippians 3:4-8, 10 - Our #1 desire should be to know God more!

3. Humble = to make low, bring low, the idea of leveling an old building (v.10-12)

- a. When we judge another on their obedience to God, we are placing ourselves in the place of the ONE lawgiver and judge!
- b. Philippians 2:3-11 – Jesus’ example of true humility

Thoughts to Ponder

1. How can “submit”, “draw near”, and “humble” help us with our “under the sun” mindset?
2. What action must I take to have the right mindset?

