

4-14-2024 – What'd James say – Part 10 – STOP AND THINK!

James 4:6-7

6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Generously – Greek word - megas – means GREAT, ABUNDANT, LARGE, INTENSE, STRONG, MIGHTY

Humble – Greek word - tap-i-nos' – means not rising far from the ground, lowly, depressed, brought low with grief.....

Grace - Greek word - charis – means joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, loveliness, good will, kindness, favour, reward, gift of salvation.....

God gives us GREAT, ABUNDANT, LARGE, INTENSE, STRONG, MIGHTY - joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, loveliness, good will, kindness, favour, reward, gift of salvation – when we realize how lowly we really are.

Isaiah 64:5-6

We are constant sinners; how can people like us be saved?

⁶We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

Romans 3:9-18

all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. 10 As the Scriptures say,

"No one is righteous—not even one. 11 No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.

12 All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one."

13 "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies."

"Snake venom drips from their lips."

14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "They rush to commit murder.
16 Destruction and misery always follow them. 17 They don't know where to find peace."
18 "They have no fear of God at all."

James says:

- A. Stop and Think....**
- B. Do something with the scripture that you've read**
- C. Your thoughts are evil – you got to deal with that.....**
- D. Ask God for wisdom so that you can show you've learned by doing things out of the good list vs the bad list.....**
- E. You have a life giving spirit living in you! Don't let your human will squash it!**
- F. Be humble – realize your depravity and your need for God.**
- G. Now, RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE!**

Gen 3:12-13

12 The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

"The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

Simple formula = Pride blames others; Humility says it's my fault.

James 4:8-10

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. ⁹ Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

3 Promises:

- 1. Resist the devil and he will flee**
- 2. Come close to the Father in humility, and He will come close to you**
- 3. He will lift you in honor! (after humbling yourself before Him)**