

**He Gives More Grace / James 4:1-10**  
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**Passage Summary**

James helps his readers understand the root causes to their conflicts and to their unanswered prayers. He cautions them against living towards worldliness and offers hope of experiencing more of God's active grace in their lives.

**Action Steps**

1. Examine your heart.
2. Resist worldliness.
3. Humbly repent.
4. Submit to God.

**Scripture Meditation**

James 4:1

*What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?*

**Message Takeaway**

1. How did you hear God speaking to you?
2. In what ways were you strengthened?
3. Where do you need help?
4. What can you apply today?

**Going Deeper in Application**

1. How has this passage helped you to better examine your heart desires and cravings, and identify the root causes behind your own conflicts?
2. Examine your own prayer life. How much of your prayers are focused on selfish desires?
3. In what ways is the world vying for your friendship, and how might you be too enamored with the things of this world?
4. How does verse 4 help you to not be ruled by worldly pursuits?
5. What are the areas in your life where you struggle with having humility and submitting to the Lord? What would growth look like?
6. Are you more characterized by self-pity or godly sorrow?
7. What practical steps do you currently take to structure your day or week in order to pursue God? What has proven most effective in helping you grow in your love for God?

**Further Study (Read James 4:1-10)**

1. According to James, what is the root cause of conflict?
2. How can you tell the difference between a good desire and a sinful one?
3. How do our desires become frustrated and influence our behavior?
4. What does James mean when he uses the word "murder" in verse 2? (Read Matthew 5:21-24 and 1 John 3:15 for further insight.)
5. What two reasons does James give for unanswered prayer?
6. How is friendship with the world related to spiritual adultery with God?
7. How is the grace of God and our humility, mentioned in verse 6, instrumental in fighting the sinful battle within every believer?
8. What are some characteristics and actions mentioned in this passage that are associated with true humility?
9. Is there a difference between obedience and submission, and what does it mean to submit to God and resist the devil?
10. How would you explain the difference between godly and worldly sorrow to someone? Why is this distinction important in understanding repentance?
11. What does it mean to draw near to God, and for Him to draw near to you?