

“Pride & Humility = A Divided Heart”

James 4:1-10

HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS, Week 8

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“Uncontrolled passions and desires in the hearts of individuals are the source of every evil act that has ever taken place.”

Harold L. Fickett, Jr.

Pride Leads To Strife

“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.”

James 4:1-2 (NIV)

- **From the heart...true motivation is revealed**

“It is insatiable desires which overturn not only individual man, but whole families, and which even bring down the state. From desires there spring hatred, schisms, discords, seditions and wars.”

Cicero

- **Asking with the wrong motives...**

The quickest way to get out of fellowship with God is either by neglecting to pray or by praying for the sole purpose of achieving selfish ends.

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

James 4:3 (NIV)

- **Either, Or – but never both...**

“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?”

James 4:4-5 (NIV)

- **And yet...there is still hope!**

“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

James 4:6 (NIV)

Cure for the Divided Heart: James 4:7-10 (NIV)

1. **Submit (vs. 7)**

“Submit yourselves, then, to God...”

2. **Resist**

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Best way to resist the devil is the proper use of God’s Word!
Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus in the wilderness.

3. **Come near/draw near (vs. 8)**

“Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

We need close fellowship with God to stay connected to His power, His grace and His love.

4. **Cleanse, wash (vs. 8b)**

“...Wash your hands, you sinners...”

5. **Purify (vs. 8b)**

“...purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

6. **Grieve, mourn (vs. 9)**

“Grieve, mourn and wail...”

7. **Humble yourself (vs. 10)**

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”

“So long as man regards himself as independent of God, he is on the way to ultimate collapse and to defeat.”

William Barclay

Take a deep look at your heart this week to see what may be causing division in your walk with God. Then work through James 4:7-10 and see how He gets you back on track!