

Worldliness Against God



MEMORY VERSE: “So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.”
James 4:7-8a

DAY 1 JAMES 4:1-4 — Friend of the World

1. What does James say causes fights and quarrels among Christians? Why?
3. What does James say about people who choose to be friends with the world?
How are Christians cheating on God with the world?
4. Are you overly attached to the world? What do the following verses tell you?
1 John 2:15-17

Matthew 6:33

Psalm 37:4

DAY 2 JAMES 4:5-10 — Pride and Humility

5. Read verse 6. What does it mean to be proud? Why do you think God opposes the proud?
What does it mean to be humble? How does God reward humility?

6. “So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” v. 7
How do we humble/submit ourselves to God? Refer to Romans 12:1-2.

How do we resist the devil? Refer to Ephesians 6:10-18.

7. What will God do if we “come close to” Him? What helps you “come close” to God?

8. Why would applying verses 8-9 lead to humility?

DAY 3 JAMES 4:11-12 — Judging Others

9. What are we really doing when we speak evil against one another? What is our job?

10. Who gave the law and is the Judge? What does He have the right to do?

11. So what kind of attitude should we have about judging?

DAY 4 JAMES 4:13-17 — What About Tomorrow

12. What should our attitude be about our future plans?

13. Do you make plans without stopping to consider if those plans match God's plans? How can we make our plans align with God's plans for us?

14. How does verse 17 apply to the other verses in this chapter?

DAY 5 JAMES 4 — Wrap Up

15. More than anything God wants a living dynamic relationship with you. How can you grow in your relationship with Him?

16. Instead of judging your neighbor, how could you better love him?

Instead of acting as if you have control over your future, how could you acknowledge that God controls the future?

TAKE AWAY

Ask God for a humble attitude to define all that you do!

BLESSING

We can receive God's presence, peace, and love as we focus on Him and turn our lives daily over to Him.

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James 4 tells us how to live in this fallen world.

The world's system of thought is contrary to the Bible and righteous living. Therefore friendship with the world is hostile towards God. We must choose one or the other.

God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble, so we should humble ourselves so we don't find ourselves opposed to God.

Every decision we make is an opportunity to step closer to God or a step farther away

from Him. When we make the decision to do what's right over what is easy, we draw near to God and our ability to resist temptation increases.

God does not want believers to criticize and judge others. When we judge, we make conclusions on the basis of our opinions. God alone is the judge and has the power to save or to destroy.

Verse 17 says, "Remember it is a sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it."

Notes
