

16. Where does godly humility come from?

**Reflection Questions:** Where am I most prone to selfish pride? How can God's grace help me in my relationships with others in the church? Do I excel at repenting? Have I truly mourned, even wept, over my sins?

How can I pray for others and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Lord, make me humble, but don't let me know it.*

D.L. Moody

*If you do not submit to God you will never resist the devil, and you will remain constantly under his tyrannical power. Which shall be your master, God or devil, for one of these must? No man is without a master.*

Charles Spurgeon

*You will never be as you should, concerned about, nor seek the salvation of your own soul, before you have a broken heart, a broken and contrite spirit.*

*God is resolved to break ALL hearts for sin some time or other.... He that mourns not now, while the door of mercy is open, must mourn for sin when the door of mercy is shut.*

John Bunyan

*God is tirelessly on our side. He never falters in respect of our needs, He always has more grace at hand for us. He is never less than sufficient, He always has more and yet more to give.*

*The benefits of grace and more grace are ours along the road of obedience and more obedience. The God who says, 'Here is my grace to receive,' says in the same breath, 'Here are My commands to obey.'*

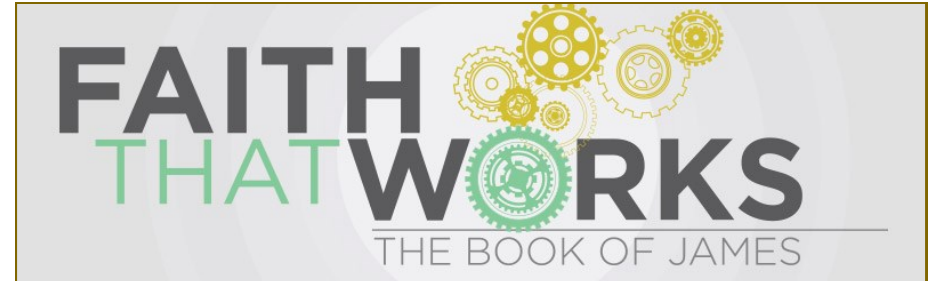
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*The "greater grace" James has just mentioned (4:6) is God's justifying, sanctifying, glorifying grace of salvation, that divine, sovereign, loving favor that He freely bestows on undeserving sinners who trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord.*

John MacArthur

*The devil can wrestle, but he cannot pin. If, then, you resist him, he will flee defeated from you in disgrace.*

Hermas



#19 Humbly Submit (4:7-10)

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

July 14, 2019

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. How does *James 4:7-10* relate to *James 4:6*?

3. What does it mean to *submit* (*James 4:7*)?

What does it look like to *submit to God*?

4. Explain why almost all relational conflicts are rooted in one, or both, parties not being fully in submission to God.

5. What does *devil* literally mean? How does this definition match his attacks on God's people?

6. What does it look like to *resist the devil* (*James 4:7*)?

7. What is the promise of *James 4:7*?

8. Read *James 4:6-10*. What does this passage teach about drawing near to God? In what ways is this desire the mark of a true believer?

9. According to *Psalms 24:3-4*, what are the prerequisites to drawing near to God?

10. What promise is given to those who *draw near to God* (*James 4:8*)? How is this a comfort?

11. What is James warning against in *James 4:8*? Which sin is he calling us to repent of?

12. Why is an selfish or bitter person necessarily distant from God?

What do the following verses teach?

*Galatians 5:19-21* —

*1 John 4:20* —

*Ephesians 4:31* —

13. What does it mean to be *double-minded*? How does humility combat *double-mindedness*?

14. How do we know if our repentance is sincere or deep enough (*James 4:9*)?

What if we do not have feelings of grief or mourning?

15. What do these verses teach about repentance?

*Proverbs 28:13* —

*Acts 3:19* —

*Matthew 3:8* —

*Acts 17:30* —

*Matthew 9:13* —

*Acts 26:19-20* —

*Matthew 11:18* —

*2 Timothy 2:24-25* —

*Luke 15:7* —

*2 Peter 3:9* —