

## Repent and Resist

Do you find yourself in a battle or in a conflict today? Do you want the key to get out? Let's look at a section of Scripture:

"From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." *James 4:1-10*

There are several things that we can learn from these verses:

**Verse One-** Wars and conflict originate from our own lives.

**Verse Two-** We lust and kill with insatiable appetites. We do not ask for our deep and true needs to be met.

**Verse Three-** We ask for things, even in prayer, but we are asking incorrectly and for selfish reasons.

**Verse Four-** This lifestyle causes us to be considered adulterers. We are living unfaithful lives. We are not faithful to God. This makes God's enemies.

**Verse Five-** The Bible is clear that our wayward problems come from inside us.

**Verse Six-** God resists the proud. But we have Good News!! The Lord sees our situation and supplies us with His grace *if* we are humble.

**Verse Seven-** Out of humility we submit to God. We do not have to physically fight the devil and the battle; we *resist* the devil and he runs away!

**Verse Eight-** When we come close to God he comes close to us! Our hearts can be cleansed from sin, saying one thing and doing another, and other impurities.

**Verse Nine-** A repentant and broken response is necessary.

**Verse Ten-** We are no longer cast down but are lifted up. This all happens with the key ingredient of *Humility!*

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