

James Chapter 4

The Cure For Worldliness

1. James is writing to Christians. What does he say is causing their quarrels and fights? How have you seen the same happening among Christians today?

2. James tells his readers that “they do not have because they do not ask”. He goes on to say “you ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly”. What do you think James is saying about how we should pray?

3. What are some ways a Christian can “resist the devil” and “draw near to God”? What tools might we want to use? (HINT: Ephesians 6: 14-18)

4. James 4:6 tells us that “God opposes the proud”. As Christians, we are called to humility. Below are some of the qualities of a humble life and verses where they are found. Match each quality with one of the verses listed on the right.

Teachable	2 Corinthians 10:18
Wise	Micah 6:8
Approved by God	Matthew 18:4
Kind and Impartial	Psalms 25:9
Exalt Others	Proverbs 11:2
Rewarded In Heaven	Philippians 2:3

5. There are ten verbs, all commands, in verses 7-10 requiring action on our part to turn from worldliness and pride. Can you find all ten?

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| 3) _____ | 4) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 7) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 9) _____ | 10) _____ |

Challenge for this week:

Identify one specific area in your own life that you need to submit to God. Perhaps an unhealthy or destructive habit or behavior, or perhaps a fear or anxiety. Be specific and humbly pray daily for the Holy Spirit to work within you to help you submit that area of yourself to the Lord.