

JAMES 4 vs 1

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The book of James is identified with 1 Peter and 1 John as the general epistles in the early church; yet Martin Luther described it as an Epistle of straw. It seems this letter was overlooked in the church due to the fact it was not written by one of the apostles. It was written for those of a synagogue in Jerusalem, focused on Jewish people. It was not addressed to Gentile assemblies, and so, was not much quoted in the earliest period, because it did not possess the wide appeal of the Epistles of Paul.

Pride Promotes Strife

¹ Where do battles and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

² You strongly desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and battle; yet you do not have because you do not ask.

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

⁴ You men and women who adulterate! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? So, those who want to be a friend of the world make themselves an enemy of God. / Dr. James Tour says for us, friendship is inadequate, the people of God are on a mission; Dr. Tour had a man come and stood on a box as he said, pull me up. The guy couldn't, and Dr. Tour said: It is easier to pull someone down, than to pull someone up, isn't it. The things of the world easily drag us down.

⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: The Spirit who dwells in us longs jealously over us?

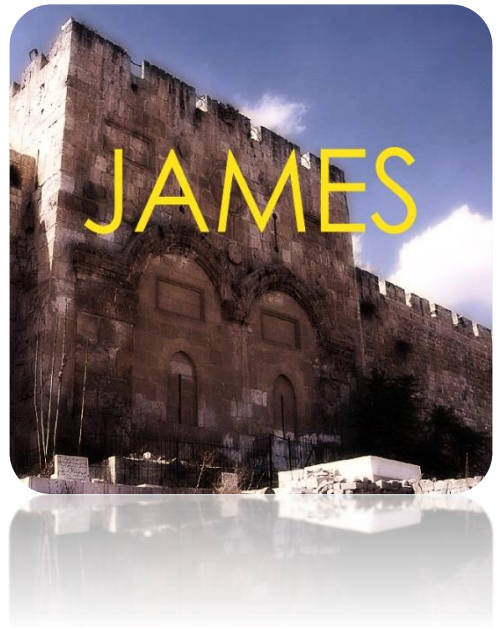
⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says:

God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Humility Cures Worldliness

⁷ So, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



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⁹ Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰ **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.**

Do Not Judge a Brother

¹¹ **Brothers and sisters, do not speak against one another.** He who speaks against a brother and judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law. **But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.**

¹² **There is one Lawgiver and Judge, who is able to save and to destroy.**

So, who are you to judge another?

Do Not Boast About Tomorrow

¹³ **Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow let us go to such and such a city, and spend a year there, to engage in business, and make a profit;**

¹⁴ **yet you do not know what will happen to your life tomorrow.**

You are just a vapor that appears for a brief time and then vanishes away.

¹⁵ **Instead you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.**

¹⁶ **But now you boast in your arrogance.** All such boasting is evil.

¹⁷ **Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**

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