



“Growing in Submission”

James 4:6-12

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1. **Submit to the Lord** Vs 6-7a

“So give yourselves completely to God...” (NCV)

Result: He will give grace to you

Luke 14:27

2. **Resist the Enemy** Vs 7b

“...Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Result: he will flee from you

*Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:26-27 (NCV); 1 Peter 5:8-9;
Ephesians 6:13-14; 1 John 4:4; 2:15-17*

3. **Draw Near to the Lord** Vs 8-9

Result: He will draw near to you & forgive you

✓ **Restore Worship as a Priority**

V s 8a “Draw near to God...”

*Ephesians 2:13; Jeremiah 29:13 Luke 15:20;
Psalm 73:28; 145:18*

✓ **Renounce Sinful Actions** V s 8b

“...clean sin out of your lives...” NCV

Psalm 24:3-4

✓ **Reject Sinful Attitudes** V s 8c

“...You who are trying to follow God & the world at the same time, make your thinking pure” NCV

Psalm 51:1-12

✓ **Respond to Sin with Sorrow** Vs 9a

“...Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief...” NLT

Luke 18:13; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Psalm 51:17

✓ **Refuse to have a flippant attitude toward sin** Vs 9b

“...Let there be sadness instead of laughter and gloom instead of joy.” NLT

Proverbs 14:9; Luke 6:21,25; Lamentations 5:15-16

4. **Humble yourself before the Lord** Vs 6,10

Result: He will honor you at the right time

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up in honor.” (NLT) “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (NLT)

Isaiah 6:5; 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 10:17; Matthew 23:12; Isaiah 66:2 (NLT); Psalm 34:18 (LB); Luke 18:14

5. **Do not slander or judge** Vs 11-12

Result: He is the Judge and will take care of it

Leviticus 19:16; Psalm 15:3; 50:19-20

✓ **God’s Word commands us not to**

Matthew 7:1-5; 22:37-40

✓ **It’s God’s place and not ours**

Isaiah 33:22; Romans 12:3,14:4; 2:1-4

✓ **God calls us to Biblically confront sinful actions**

Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5