

# BIBLE STUDY

James 4:1-10

4/2/16

## THE RESULT OF PRIDE

4 Where do wars and fights *come* from among you?

Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members?

ACTS OF PRIDE	RESULT	REASON
You lust	<sup>2</sup> and do not have.	
You murder and covet	and cannot obtain.	
You fight and war.	Yet <sup>[a]</sup> you do not have	because you do not ask.
	<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive,	because you ask amiss, that you may spend <i>it</i> on your pleasures.

<sup>4</sup> Adulterers and<sup>[b]</sup> adulteresses!

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain,

“The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

<sup>6</sup> **But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:**

“God resists the proud,

**But gives grace to the humble.”<sup>[c]</sup>**

Q1: WHAT ACTIONS ARE FUELED BY PRIDE? HOW DO THESE “EXTREME” WORDS PLAY OUT IN OUR LIVES?

Q2: What does “friendship with the world” mean? HOW would this happen in my life?

Q3: This passage is quite dire.... but, what is the HOPE given in Verse 6?

## THE CALL TO HUMILITY

Therefore submit to God.

ACTS OF SUBMISSION	RESULT	REASON
Resist the devil	and he will flee from you.	
<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God	and He will draw near to you.	
Cleanse <i>your</i> hands,		<i>you</i> sinners;
and purify <i>your</i> hearts		, <i>you</i> double-minded.
<sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep!		
Let your laughter be turned to mourning		
and <i>your</i> joy to gloom.		
<sup>10</sup> <b>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,</b>	<b>and He will lift you up.</b>	

Q4: What are the ways we demonstrate SUBMISSION to GOD?

Q2: What PROMISES are given, when we submit to God?

APPLICATION: GO OUT, AND SPEND A FEW MINUTES IN REFLECTIVE PRAYER. EXAMINE YOUR HEART, HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING IN HUMILITY, OR IN PRIDE?