

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

⁴ Adulterers and^[b] 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. ⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain,

“The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

“God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble.”^[c]

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.	
⁸ 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.
⁹ Lament and mourn and weep!		
Let your laughter be turned to mourning		
and <i>your</i> joy to gloom.		
¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,	and He will lift you up.	

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?