

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

*Genuine Faith*

II THE DISTINCTIVES OF GENUINE FAITH - James 1:19 - 5:6

LESSON 8 - Faith Produces Humility - James 4:1-12

KEY VERSE

*But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'*  
(James 4:6)

PONDER<sup>2</sup>

READ James 4:1-12.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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PRIDE PROMOTES STRIFE

READ James 4:1-4.

1. Where do wars and fights come from (v. 1)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are the evil desires that war in our members; our flesh (v. 2a)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why don't we receive from God (v. 2b)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is wrong with the way we approach God in our asking (v. 3)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>1</sup> Genuine: authentic, real.  
<sup>2</sup> PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.  
<sup>3</sup> pleasure - Greek *hedone* lust: sensual delight.  
<sup>4</sup> covet - Greek *zeloo* to have war with or fighting *for* or against: have envy; be jealous over.  
<sup>5</sup> amiss - Greek *kakos* badly: physically or morally, diseased, evil desire.

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5. What does the friendship of the world make you (v. 4a)? \_\_\_\_\_ 6

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6. Who makes himself the enemy of God (v. 4b)? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How are you instructed by John the Beloved in I John 2:15-17? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSONAL**

What do you love that is in the world that will hinder your love for the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What does the Scripture say about God's Spirit (James 4:5)? \_\_\_\_\_ 8

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**LOOK DEEPER**

What can you learn about God's jealous love for you in these Scriptures?

Deuteronomy 6:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>6</sup> adulterer: one who is faithless toward God; ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> enmity - Greek *echthra* hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition; hatred.

<sup>8</sup> Spirit: third Person of the Godhead. God is triune, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> jealously - Greek *epithelo* lust: earnest desire; long after; pursue with love: God's possessive love for His people.

II Corinthians 11:2 \_\_\_\_\_

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I John 4:7-10 \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Despite our lust for pleasure and friendship with the world, what does God give us, in His jealous love for us (James 4:6a)?

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10. Who does God resist<sup>11</sup> (v. 6b)? \_\_\_\_\_

To whom does God give His grace to? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What are believers to do in order to cure worldliness (vv. 7-10)?

v. 7 \_\_\_\_\_

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v. 8 \_\_\_\_\_

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v. 9 \_\_\_\_\_

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v. 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>10</sup> grace - Greek *charis* graciousness; divine influence upon the heart; the unmerited favor of God.

<sup>11</sup> resist - Greek *antitassomai* to set oneself against; oppose.

**PERSONAL**

RE-READ and MEDITATE on James 4:7-10. What impacted you most deeply? \_\_\_\_\_

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**DO NOT JUDGE A BROTHER**

READ James 4:11-12.

1. Why are we not to speak evil of one another (v. 11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Who is the only One who can judge us (v. 12)? \_\_\_\_\_ 13

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**LOOK DEEPER**

What do we learn of the Lord Jesus Christ the Just Judge?

John 12:45-50 \_\_\_\_\_

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Acts 10:42, 43 \_\_\_\_\_

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Acts 17:29-31 \_\_\_\_\_

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Revelation 20:11-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>12</sup> Law - Greek *nomos*: the Law given to Moses; the Law of the Gospel.

<sup>13</sup> Lawgiver: God; the Lord Jesus Christ.

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3. Instead of judging others, what is the Apostle Paul's charge to believers (II Timothy 4:1-5)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSONAL**

How will you accomplish Paul's charge? \_\_\_\_\_

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WRITE out the KEY VERSE \_\_\_\_\_

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

James 4:10





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