

Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested

James 4:6-10

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Review Of James

- Dealing With Temptations. 1:2-4
- Receive With Meekness. 1:21
- Fulfilling The Royal Law. 2:1-13
- Faith And Works. 2:14-26
- Taming The Tongue. 3:1-12
- Heavenly Wisdom versus Earthly Wisdom. 3:13-18
- Draw Near To God. 4:1-10

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Drawing Near To God

Submitting Brings Blessings. James 4:6-10

- God “gives” GRACE ...

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.”

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1. Be Careful What You Say.

“Speak not one against another...” James 4:11-12

- Matthew 7:1-2; John 7:24
- DO NOT become judges of the law!
 - The law says, *“Love your neighbor ...”* Leviticus 19:18; cf. James 2:8

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General Applications:

One's thoughts should pass three gates before they are spoken.

IS IT TRUE?

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).

- – God hates “... a lying tongue” (Proverbs 6:17).
- “Lie not one to another seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings” (Colossians 3:9).
- “...All liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone ...” (Revelation 21:8).

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IS IT NEEDFUL?

- “... a talebearer revealeth secrets ...” (Proverbs 11:13).
- “He that repeateth a matter separateth very friends” (KJV Proverbs 17:9).
- “Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people ...” (Leviticus 19:16).

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IS IT KIND?

- “The words of a talebearer are as wounds ...” (KJV Proverbs 18:8).
- “And be ye kind one to another ...” (Ephesians 4:32).

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2. Avoid arrogance and self-sufficiency.

James 4:13-17

“But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil” (James 4:16 NKJV)

- “If the Lord wills ...” (James 4:15)

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Avoid arrogance and self-sufficiency. James 4:13-17

“What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

Life is brief.

Psalms 90:10 “The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away”

Verse 12 “Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom.”

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“What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

Death is certain.

Ecclesiastes 9:5 “For the living know they shall die.”

Hebrews 9:27 “It is appointed unto men once to die.”

Sin defined:

James 4:17 “To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

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3. Right attitude toward riches. James 5:1-6

These brethren (James 2:1, 14; 3:1) had:

- Hoarded wealth. James 5:2-3; 1 Timothy 6:6ff; Matthew 6:19
- Held back wages due laborers. James 5:4 (cf. Leviticus 19:13; Jeremiah 22:13; Malachi 3:5)
- Lived in self-indulgence. James 5:5 (Luke 12:15-21; cf. Amos 6)
- Murdered innocent men. James 5:6

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4. Patience. James 5:7-11

makrothumée – “to endure patiently as opposed to losing faith or giving up (Hebrews 6:15; James 5:7-8)” (Complete Word Study Dictionary)

Illustrations:

- Farmer must wait for the harvest. James 5:7
- Prophets endured suffering. James 5:7; cf. Galatians 6:9

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4. Patience. James 5:7-11

Hupomonee, “in the N. T. the characteristic of a man who is unswerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.” (Thayer)

Illustration:

- Job persevered. James 5:11 (cf. Hebrews 10:36)

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5. Their word is binding. James 5:12

- Doesn't require an oath. Matthew 5:33-37; 23:16-22
- To tell a lie is sin. Ephesians 4:25-29; Colossians 3:9

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Conclusion:

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- Avoid arrogance and self-sufficiency. James 4:13-17
- Right attitude toward riches. James 5:1-6
- Patience. James 5:7-11
- Their word is binding. James 5:12

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