

9 - Yielding to God (James 4:1-10)

I. Uncontrolled Desires (4:1-3)

A. The source of conflict (4:1)

- James wants his readers to consider the _____.
- The source of conflict is our _____.

B. Unfulfilled lusts (4:2a)

- Despite our ruthless efforts, our lustful desires are _____.

C. Unanswered prayers (4:2b-3)

- Our desires are not fulfilled because we do not _____.
- When we do ask, it is not answered because we are _____.

II. Worldliness (4:4-6)

A. Spiritual unfaithfulness (4:4a)

- Thus James calls his readers adulterers because of _____.
- Idolatry is equated with _____ in the scripture.

B. Friendship with the world (4:4b)

- Commitment to the world's values brings us into a _____.

C. The jealousy of God (5:5)

1. The reminder (5:5a)

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- James calls his readers to remember _____.

2. The Spirit (5:5b)

- The Holy Spirit who indwells believers is _____.

D. The gift of grace (5:6)

- James points out that God does _____.

- God _____ against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.

III. Humility Before God (4:7-10)

A. Submit (4:7a)

- The believer is to _____.

B. Resist (4:7b)

- The believer must resist the Devil which causes him to _____.

C. Draw near (4:8a)

- The believer can draw near to God with knowledge that he will _____.

D. Purify (4:8b)

- The believer must _____ and _____.

E. Brokenness (4:9)

- The believer must allow himself to be _____.

F. Humility (4:10)

- The believer must humble themselves before God who will _____.