

Resources for Resisting

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Introduction

1. James 4:7-11
2. Satan must be resisted James 1:12-14
 - a. Satan means adversary 1 Peter 5:8
 - b. Devil means slanderer Matthew 4:1-11 ;1, 3
 - c. He is called the god of this world 2 Corinthians 4:4
3. We are not in a battle but in a war! Yes we can win!
4. James gives the formula for success within this passage
 - a. There are ten imperative verbs used in this section.
 - b. That means they must be done for us to win!
 - c. Will you be willing to follow this formula?
5. Let us notice and study this formula this morning

II Discussion

1. We must Submit
 - a. A military term to the captain of our soul Hebrews 2:10
 - b. The reason for submission is stated before (therefore) because God resisteth the proud
 - c. We must submit to:
 - i. The righteousness of God Romans 10:1-3
 - ii. To one another in the fear of God Ephesians 5:21
 - iii. To one own husband Colossians 3:18
 - iv. To the elders Hebrews 13:17
 - v. To civil government 1 Peter 2:13
 - vi. To those older 1 Peter 5:5
 - d. Christ is our perfect example of submission 1 Peter 2:21-23
 - e. Submission is life long 1 Peter 1:14
2. We must draw nigh to God
 - a. Under the Mosaic the priest could only come near God, but only after they had cleansed themselves. Exodus 19:22; 30:17-21
 - b. Under the New Testament it is still the same 1 Peter 2:5, 9; 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 4:8
 - c. We can draw nigh to God Hebrews 7:19
 - i. We have access to the Father Ephesians 2:18; by Jesus Christ 1 Peter 3:18
 - ii. We then are to stay close to God Hebrews 4:16
 - d. Some only want to have God near to ward off disaster, disease and death, but not in their hearts
3. Do not be double minded 4:8; 1:8
 - a. We are to set our minds things above Colossians 3:2; Hebrews 12:1-2
 - b. The early church had the attitude of singleness of heart Acts 2:46
4. Have the correct attitude toward sin in one's life James 4:9
 - a. We sin after becoming a Christian 1 John 1:6-10
 - b. The proper attitude will lead to repentance and confession 2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 8:22-24
 - c. Worldly minded folks mock sin Proverbs 14:9
5. Have the correct attitude before God 4:10
 - a. Pride leads to a fall Proverbs 16:18 1 Timothy 3:6
 - b. Pride lead one to a point where he thinks he can do as he pleases Romans 1:20-25

- c. We are to become like little children Matthew 18:1-4
- d. There is the mighty hand of God 1 Peter 5:6
- e. Genuine humility will cause us to always rely upon God 1 Peter 5:7

III Conclusion

1. The struggle we have with the devil, satan, the tempter, or the god of this world is real
2. We know this is coming and thus must be prepared
3. This is a matter of eternal importance
4. We have given a formula for success; will you follow or follow your own stubborn way?
5. Submit to God today, right now!

Sources: God's Good Gift. Sermon outlines on James by Tom Holland; The man who has faith Studies in James by Wayne Dunaway and Winfred Clark; Great Lessons from Hebrews and James by Andrew Connally; Denton lecture 1990 on James