

# **Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!**

## **Lesson 18**

### **Read James 4:7 – 10**

**Introduction:** *Bowing in humility before the Lord means recognizing that our worth comes from God alone. To be humble involves leaning on His power and His guidance, and not going our own independent way. Although we do not deserve God's favor, He wants to lift us up and give us worth and dignity, despite our human shortcomings and sins. James tells us to be cleansed from sin, replacing your desire to sin with the desire to experience God's purity.*

Life Application Study Bible

1. What are some practical ways you can *submit to God*?

- How can I take steps to *resist the devil* according to the following Scriptures?
  - Ephesians 6:10 – 11
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - 2 Corinthians 10:3 – 5
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:4 – 8

2. How can I *draw near to God* according to the following Scriptures?

- Hebrews 10:19 – 22
- Psalms 73:27 – 28
- John 12:28 – 32
- What is the result of *drawing near to God* according to James 4:8?

3. According to James 4:8 what is James' exhortation to those desiring to have a close relationship with the Lord?

- What does it mean to you to *cleanse your hands and purified your heart*?
- How has the Lord Jesus Christ *cleanse your hands and purified your heart*?

James goes on to say in James 4:8 *you double-minded*. This is referring to inward thoughts and attitude. James is saying don't allow your loyalty to be divided between God and the world.

4. Has your relationship with the Lord been divided between God and the world?

- According to James 4:9 – 10 what can I do in order to change my relationship with the Lord and be drawn closer to Him?

- What do we learn from the following Scriptures?

- 2 Corinthians 7:10

- Acts 2:38 & Acts 3:19

- Luke 13:1 – 5

5. According to James 4:10 what is the key ingredient for having a close relationship with the Lord?