



INSIDE OUT HUMILITY

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Text: James 4:1-10

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (James 4:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

- Jms 1:14-16 every man tempted when drawn away by their own bad lustful desires
- Jms 1:20 wrath (anger) of humans does not make the righteousness of God
- "inside out" is saying the change within that shows outward in actions
- "Work out your salvation with fear & trembling (Philp 2:12)
- "new creation" within (2 Cor 5:17)
- Gal 5:17 human flesh lusts (evily) against Holy Spirit
- * carnal christian, natural man

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

1. AN INWARD Humility (v. 6)

no one
knows
every thing

A. God Resists the proud

Namaan
&
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Namaan
very proud

"So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." (2 Kings 5:9-14)

GOD WILL RESIST OR OPPOSE ANYONE WHO IS PROUD

Quote: "Christians who live for the world and the flesh become proud, and the devil takes advantage of this situation, for pride is one of his chief tools."

—Warren Wiersbe

the
serpent
the
devil
and
Eve

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (Genesis 3:4-6)

PRIDE IS THE ORIGINAL SIN THAT CAME FROM SATAN

For Christian, pride is greatest enemy, & humility is greatest friend

Lucifer-
Satan

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." (Isaiah 14:12-14)

B. God Gives Grace to the humble

GIVEN WITHOUT RESTRICTION

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." (1 Corinthians 2:12)

GIVEN WITHOUT LIMITATION

"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" (Ephesians 2:5-6)

GIVEN AT SALVATION

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:" (Romans 3:23-24)

2. AN INWARD Submission (v. 7-9)

A. Submit to God

Quote: "Being least in the kingdom is better than being the best anywhere else."—Bailey

YIELD TO HIS SPIRIT

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" (Ephesians 5:18)

YIELD FROM THE HEART

as servants

"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;" (Ephesians 6:5-6)

B. Resist the Devil

STAND AGAINST Satan

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)

Christian
enemy

FLEE YOUTHFUL LUSTS

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (2 Timothy 2:22)

CAST DOWN IMAGINATIONS

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

fight
against
bad evil
within

C. Draw Nigh to God (come close)

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

BY CLEANSED HANDS

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Corinthians 7:1)

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:9-10)

BY PURIFIED HEARTS

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest." (Psalm 51:1-4)

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:9)

3. AN OUTWARD Lifting (v. 10)

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:" (1 Peter 5:6)

"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

John the Baptist

A. He Lifts the repentant

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." (2 Timothy 2:21)

THROUGH SOBERNESS

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

THROUGH REVERENCE

"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth." (Psalm 96:9)

B. He Lifts the humble

"Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:" (Psalm 95:8)

Quote: "Humility is not denying the power you have. It is realizing that the power comes through you, not from you."

leaning
to sin