

JAMES 4 — PRIDE OR HUMILITY

James 4:4-6

“God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
 James does not soften his words. He confronts a divided church—people close to God in name, but distant in practice. His concern is not perfection, but posture. At the heart of James 4 is a single question:

Will we live in pride or in humility before God?

Pride Makes God Optional

James warns that friendship with the world puts us at odds with God. Pride assumes control, self-sufficiency, and independence from Him. It plans without prayer, desires without restraint, and seeks blessing without submission.

Pride says, “I’ve got this.” | Humility says, “I need God.”

Where Humility Helps Us

1. In Prayer

Unanswered prayer invites honest self-examination—not to earn answers, but to realign our hearts with God’s will.

2. In Resisting Sin

We do not overcome sin by willpower alone, but by drawing near to God. Spirit power always outlasts self-control.

3. In the Unknown Present and Future

We do not know what tomorrow holds. Humility submits our plans, fears, and uncertainties to God and trusts His care.

“If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” — James 4:15

Faith in Action

When we submit and draw near to God we resist the devil and find the help we need.

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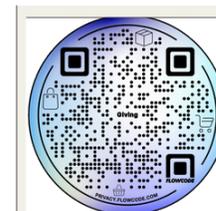
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which description connected more with you: pride saying “I’ve got this” or humility saying “I need God,” and why?
- What are some everyday ways people can live “close to God” without actually depending on Him?
- Why do you think humility opens the door to grace, while pride pushes it away?
- What does it look like to draw near to God in ordinary, busy life—not just on Sundays?
- What is one area of life where trusting God’s will feels hardest right now?

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