

WINNING The WAR WITHIN James 4:6-10

1. Yield **ALL OF ME** to the authority and obedience of God. (v.7,10; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 3:5-6, 34; 11:2; Isaiah 57:15; Daniel 10:12; Micah 6:8; Matthew 23:11-12, 28:18; Luke 14:11, 18:14, 22:42; Acts 5:29; Ephesians 5:24a; 1 Peter 5:5-7)
2. **STAND FIRM** against the tactics of the devil. (v.7; Genesis 3:1,4; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:13; John 8:44, 10:10; Ephesians 4:27, 6:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 2:11, 10:3-5, 11:14; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 4:1,4; Revelation 12:10)
3. **REACH OUT** to Jesus as someone who is undeniably **DESPERATE**. (v.8; Deuteronomy 4:29; 1 Chronicles 16:11; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Psalm 40:1-2, 63:1, 73:28, 145:18; Isaiah 40:31; Jeremiah 29:13; Zechariah 1:3; Malachi 3:7; Hebrews 4:16, 7:19, 10:22)
4. Be so **SADDENED** by my **SIN** that I make **CHANGES** in my life. (vv.8-9; Exodus 30:17-21; Psalm 24:2-4, 51:4,17; Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 1:16; Jeremiah 4:14, 6:26; Joel 2:13; Matthew 6:24; Luke 6:25; Acts 3:19; Romans 6:13; 2 Corinthians 7:9; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 3:19)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. According to verse 7, what must we do before we resist the devil? What does this mean, and why is this so important?

3. What does it mean to be humble? How might we *think* we are being humble when we are actually not?

4. James quotes a proverb when he says, "God opposes the proud..." (verse 6). Recall a time when you sensed God working against you (opposing you) because your heart and actions were not in the right place / not in obedience to Him. In contrast to that, share a time when you were keenly aware of the grace of God working your life.

5. Paul tells us that the devil "prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Give examples of some of the tactics he uses against us. How are we to respond to each of these tactics?

6. James calls the believers "double-minded" (verse 8). What does this mean? Why is this not good?

7. Paul also tells us to not give the devil an opportunity (foothold) in our life (Ephesians 4:27). What does this mean? What is one opportunity (foothold) the devil tends to have in your life? What has this caused? How can you fight against it?

8. How are we to win the war within???