

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

**“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.”**

(James 2:17,26)

*“Bold practical Christian living that reflects
a genuine faith evidenced by a transformed life.”*

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

- A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)
- B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–5:6)
- C. The Triumph of Faith (5:7–20)

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–15:6)

1. Faith Obeys the Word (1:19–27)
2. Faith Shows Impartial Love (2:1–13)
3. Faith Shows Righteous Works (2:14–26)
4. Faith Controls the Tongue (3:1–12)
5. Faith Produces Wisdom (3:13–18)

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B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–15:6)

6. Faith Shows Humility (4:1–12)

7. Faith Shows Dependence on God (4:13–5:6)

B6. Faith Shows Humility

(James 4:1–12)

Unfulfilled Desires

1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

B6. Faith Shows Humility

(James 4:1–12)

Worldliness

4 *(You adulterous people!)* Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

B6. Faith Shows Humility

(James 4:1–12)

Overcoming Evil

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

B6. Faith Shows Humility

(James 4:1–12)

Avoiding Slander

11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

B6. Faith Shows Humility

(James 4:1–12)

HUMBLE REPENTANCE

1. Unfulfilled Desires (vv 1–3)
2. Worldliness (vv 4–6)
3. Overcoming Evil (vv 7–10)
4. Avoiding Slander (vv 11,12)

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

“Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”
(Proverbs 3:34)

HUMBLE REPENTANCE

1. Unfulfilled Desires (vv 1–3)

- 1** Where do wars (*conflicts*) and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure (*passions*) that war in your members? **2** You lust (*desire*) and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have *because you do not ask*.
- 3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Guard against prayerlessness and passions.

HUMBLE REPENTANCE

2. Worldliness (vv 4–6)

4 *(You adulterous people!)* Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously (*Godly jealousy*)”?

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Worldliness is spiritual adultery.

HUMBLE REPENTANCE

3. Overcoming Evil (vv 7–10)

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Inability to resist the devil lies in failure to submit to God!

HUMBLE REPENTANCE

4. Avoiding Slander (vv 11,12)

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“Speak the truth in love, that we may grow up in all things into Him who is the Head – Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

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*“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin
and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)*