

## God Gives Grace To The Humble

James 4:6

## Review Of James

- Dealing With Temptations. 1:2-4
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- Heavenly Wisdom versus Earthly Wisdom. 3:13-18
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## Drawing Near To God

Submitting Brings Blessings. James 4:6-10

- God “gives” GRACE, “To The Humble.”
- Calls for decisive action:
  - “*Cleanse your hands*” – by repentance. cf. Luke 13:3; 1 John 1:9
  - “*Purify your hearts*” – obey the truth. cf. 1 Peter 1:22
  - “*Be afflicted, mourn, weep*” – Godly sorrow for your sins. Matthew 5:4; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10-11
  - “*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord.*” – cf. 1 Peter 5:5-6

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- James 4:10 “*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and he shall exalt you.***”

## Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested ...

“*Speak not one against another ...*” James 4:11-12

- Judgment to be impartial. James 2, especially verse 8; cf. 1:22-26
- Judgment to be with mercy. James 2:9, 12-13
- Judgment to be without hypocrisy. Matthew 7:1-5
- Judgment to be righteous. John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 5:1-3, 9-11
- DO NOT become judges of the law!
  - The law says, “*Love your neighbor ...*” Leviticus 19:18; cf. James 2:8
  - Be patient. James 5:9

## Humility Before The Lord Is Manifested ...

- Matthew 12:36-37 “*And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*”

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- *"The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver" (Proverbs 10:20).*
- *"Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips" (Psalms 141:3).*
- *"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23).*
- *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in network of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).*

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- *"In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely" (Proverbs 10:19).*
- *"He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction" (Proverbs 13:3).*
- *"Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him" (Proverbs 29:20).*
- *"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people ..." (Leviticus 19:16).*

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## General Applications:

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- **IS IT TRUE?**  
*"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" (Exodus 20:16).*  
*"Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah ..." (Proverbs 12:22).*  
– God hates "... a lying tongue" (Proverbs 6:17).  
*"Lie not one to another seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings" (Colossians 3:9).*  
*"... all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone ..." (Revelation 21:8).*

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### IS IT NEEDFUL?

- *"... a talebearer revealeth secrets ..." (Proverbs 11:13).*  
*"He that repeateth a matter separateth very friends" (KJV Proverbs 17:9).*

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### IS IT KIND?

- *"The words of a talebearer are as wounds ..." (KJV Proverbs 18:8).*
- *"and be ye kind one to another ..." (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 4:6).*

The worthy woman ... *"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue" (Proverbs 31:26).*

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*"But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil" (James 4:16 NKJV)*

- cf. Judges 6-7 Israel; cf. Isaiah 10:12-14 King of Assyria
- The worldly live without consideration of God. Luke 12:16-21
- *"If the Lord wills ..." (James 4:15) cf. Acts 18:21*

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**Life is brief.**

*Job 14:1-2 “Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, he cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.”*

*Psalms 90:10 “The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away”*  
*verse 12 “Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom.”*

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**Death is certain.**

*Ecclesiastes 9:5 “For the living know they shall die.”*

*Hebrews 9:27 “It is appointed unto men once to die.”*

**Sin defined: verse 17**

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