



James: *Wisdom for the Christian Faith*

James 4:6-10 Wisdom for Walking in Grace

Introduction

Grace Abounds

❖ James 4:6

1. He gives MORE grace

- ❖ Ephesians 3:20—*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,*
- ❖ James 1:5—*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*
- Grace is a gift.
- Grace is God powerfully and effectively working within you and for you.
- ❖ Acts 11:21-23—*And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the **grace of God**, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose*
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:10-11—*But by the **grace of God** I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was **not I, but the grace of God that is with me**. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.*

2. He gives grace to the humble

- ❖ Ezekiel 36:25-27—*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*
- ❖ Romans 8:29—*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son*
- ❖ Romans 6:14—*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*
- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24—*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*



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Grace for Walking With God

❖ **James 4:7-10**

1. Submit to God

2. Resist the Devil

❖ **Matthew 4:1-11**

❖ Psalm 119:11-12—*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!*

❖ 1 Peter 5:8—*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

3. Draw near to God

❖ Psalm 42:1-4—*As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God*

❖ Psalms 63:1—*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

❖ Psalms 119:20—*My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.*

❖ Psalm 119:81-82—*My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. My eyes long for your promise;*

❖ Psalm 145:18-20—*The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love him,*

❖ Psalms 34:18—*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

❖ Matthew 11:28-29—*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

❖ Hebrews 13:5—*"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

4. Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts and minds

❖ Psalm 24:3-4—*Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has **clean hands** and a **pure heart**,*



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- ❖ 1 Corinthians 2:2—*I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*
- ❖ Romans 7:18—*For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh*
- ❖ Romans 7:24—*Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*

5. Be wretched, mourn, and weep

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 7:8-11—*if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.*

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you,

6. Humble Yourself

- ❖ James 4:6—*God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*
- ❖ James 4:10—*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*
- ❖ Proverbs 11:2—*When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.*
- ❖ Proverbs 16:5—*Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.*
- ❖ Proverbs 16:18—*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*
- ❖ Proverbs 29:23—*One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.*
- ❖ Isaiah 57:15—*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*
- ❖ Ezekiel 28:17—*Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.*
- ❖ Luke 1:52—*he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;*
- ❖ Philippians 2:3—*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.*