

Trust & Obey!
There really is no other way.

QUESTION OUTLINE for James 4:6-12 ...

(1) What does it take to submit to God and to humble ourselves before the Lord?

- We need clear, written instruction from God himself.
- We need to trust the clear, written instruction from God himself.
- We need to obey the clear, written instruction from God himself, even when the path of obedience conflicts with our understanding of life and/or our desired outcome of life.

(2) How do we begin to work this out in our lives?

- We live based on an understanding of the grace of God.
- We live based on an understanding of the pride of humans.
- We live based on an understanding of the effect pride and humility have in the dynamic of our relationship with God.

(3) How do I know if these things are happening in my life?

- I confess my pride and acknowledge that I am a person in need of grace.
Humbling myself to a life of grace, I now can resist the devil, and he flees.
Humbling myself to a life of grace, I draw near to God, and he draws near to me.
- I confess my sin (especially the way I speak to others) and my impure motives.
- I grieve and mourn over my sinful lifestyle that is misdirected by the laughter and friendship of this world.
- I submit to God's instruction as to how I should communicate with my brothers and sisters in Christ.
- I do not sit in judgment over the teaching of God.
- I understand that I am not someone who can sit in judgment over my neighbor.

Who do you think you are?

Inch toward God, and he will step toward you.
Step toward God, and he will sprint toward you.
Sprint toward God, and he will fly to you.
(Kent Hughes)

— SUBMISSION —

— HUMILITY —

**HUMBLE yourselves before the Lord,
and he will exalt you.**

Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Be wretched and mourn and weep.

Purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

SUBMIT yourselves therefore to God.

"God ... gives grace to the humble."

Draw Near to God (You Sinners), And He Will Draw Near to You!

—James 4:7-12—