

## **Submit Yourselves to God - James 4:1-12**

### **Topics:**

Attitude, Commitment, Forgiveness, Grace, Humility, Pride, Quarrels, Repentance, Submission

### **Open It Questions**

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## Get It Questions

13. What do most people think God wants from them?

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14. How has your belief about what God wants from you changed over the years?

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15. How does pride show up in our work? home? church? community?

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16. Why does God oppose people who are proud?

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17. What is the difference between pride and a sense of accomplishment?

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18. How can a person tell when he or she has become proud?

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19. How can we reduce or remove the pride from our lives?

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20. What do we want from God most of the time?

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21. Why do we hesitate to give our lives to God?

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### **Apply It Questions**

22. What sins of action and attitude do you need to confess to God today?

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23. What can you do this week to draw near to God?

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24. In what situations do you need to resist the devil this week?

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25. What can you do this week to help you bring more humility into your life?

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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

# New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Southfield, Michigan

## *Welcome to Bible Study*

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Humble Yourselves

**James 4 : 1 - 12**

**Epistle of James**

**4:1-12**

**“Submit Yourselves to  
God”**

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).*

Humble Yourselves

James 4 : 1 - 12

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### **Bible Study Resources**

([www.newhope-  
mbc.org](http://www.newhope-<br/>mbc.org))

- Holy Bible
- Participant Questions/  
Worksheet

Humble Yourselves

James 4 : 1 - 12

# PRAYER



- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
- The World

# Submit Yourself to God

## James 4:1-12

### TOPICS

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### Introduction

At the end of chapter 3, James explains that false wisdom leads to disorder and every kind of evil (3:16), and that true wisdom has wonderful results (3:17-18). From this poetic description of wisdom expressed in general terms, James returns to practical application. His readers need to know what wisdom is, but they need even more to live wisely.

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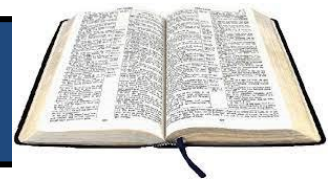
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Chapter 4 begins with a challenge to change their current behavior. His questions take on the firmness and commitment of a person who understands that unchallenged evil will not go away. James wants his brothers and sisters to resist not only the practices of evil wisdom, but also the source from which this wisdom springs. His plan requires a declaration of allegiance to God and open rebellion from the Devil's ranks.

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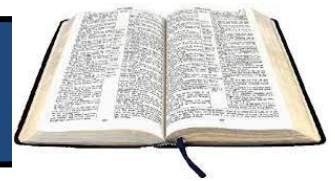
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We need to feel the impact of these same truths as James describes situations that are only too true in churches today. The quarrels and fights that James observed still characterize the life of the body of Christ and seriously hamper the effective communication of the gospel. Outsiders who look to the church as a place of solace and salvation often find it is full of strife. We desperately need God's wisdom in our churches.



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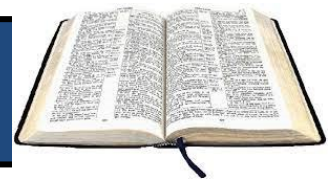


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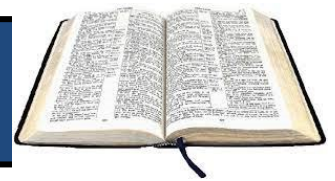
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## Submit Yourselves to God James 4:1-12



### SCRIPTURE (4:7-10)

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



**SCRIPTURE**  
**(4:11-12)**

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

# Submit Yourselves to God

## James 4:1-12

### OUTLINE

- I. Pride Promotes Strife (4:1-6)
- II. Humility Cures Worldliness (4:7-10)
- III. Do Not Judge a Brother (4:11-12)



# EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

## 1. What are the battles going on inside a person? (4:1-2)

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## 5. What does friendship with the world do to our relationship with God? (4:4-5)

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### How we should come to God? (4:7-8)

## EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

- Submit to God (v. 7)
- Resist the devil (v. 7)
- Draw near to God (v. 8)
- Cleanse *your* hands (v. 8)
- Purify *your* hearts (v. 8)



## EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

### How we should come to God? (4:9-10)

- Lament and mourn and weep! (v. 9)
- Let your laughter be turned to mourning (v. 9)
- Let *your* joy be turned to gloom (v. 9)
- Humble yourselves (v. 10)



EXPLORE IT  
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9. How does the devil react  
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**Also See James 4:6**



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