

## Sermon Devotionals James 4:6-10

**Monday:** Read James 3:14-16, 4:1-10. Mark every reference to *you, yourselves* (including words that describe them). Remember that James has been contrasting living faith with dead faith. He's also contrasting doers of the Word with hearers only. In these verses today, who is James talking to? Has God ever used words like *sinners, adulteresses, proud, pleasure seeking, enemies* to describe His redeemed?

**Tuesday:** Some have said that in this passage James is referring to 2 different 'classes' of believers. The word *sinner, hamartolos*, is the same word used in the following: Luke 15:7,18:13; Rom.5:8; 1Tim.1:9,15. What do you learn?

**Wednesday:** In James 4:6-10, there is a list of commands. Highlight and list those. James, having laid out in previous chapters the tests of living faith is now reaching out to those who are hearers only; folks who have 'dead' faith attending church. Having examined themselves by the tests, they find themselves without living faith. What are they to do? As you ponder this list, can you relate to these truths in your own life?

**Thursday:** To whom does God give grace, according to v.6? Look up 1Peter 5:5-6; Matt.18:3,4. How has that humility been demonstrated in your relationship to God?

**Friday:** In vs.8, the command is to 'draw near', a familiar expression to the Jews. Look up the following: Ex.19:22; Is.29:13; Heb.4:16,7:19.10:22; Ps.73:28. What do you learn?

"... salvation then isn't something you get, it's a communion that you begin. True salvation is a living communion and the one who is really redeemed sees it that way. His heart cries out for a new lord and then it cries out to know that Lord in intimacy." (J.MacArthur)