

Drawing Close to God James – Part 4

James 4:1-10

“And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’” James 4:6 (p.932)

(Jesus) “...For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 18:14 (p.800)

- **“Come Close To God And He Will Come Close To You.” James 4:8 (p.932)**

1. Submit to God.

“So humble yourselves before God.” James 4:7a (p.932)

ὑποτάσσω (hypotassō): obey, be obedient, bring under control, put in subjection.

“He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, ‘My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’” Matthew 26:39 (p.757)

“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.” 1 Peter 5:6 (p.937)

2. Resist the devil.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7a (p.932)

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith...” 1 Peter 5:8–9 (p.937)

3. Respond to all God has done.

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” James 4:8 (p.932)

“Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.” 1 John 3:6 (p.943)

My Next Step This Week: I am making a physical movement toward God today as an act of my decision to “come close to God.”
