I. FIRST, WE MUST ADMIT WE NEED TO BE CLOSER TO GOD.

A. Ever feel far away from God?

B. James says we can get closer to God, though.
   1. It means we must make the first move.
   2. It means when we do, God will not pull away from us.

C. What are the benefits of drawing closer to God?
   1. The closer we get to God, the further away we get from the things that got us far from God.
   2. The more we seek God, the more he will bless us—Psalms 37:4.

II. SECOND, WHAT MUST WE DO TO GET CLOSER TO GOD?

A. First, we must make sure we put God in his proper place—v.7a.

B. Second, we must make sure we put the devil in his proper place—v.7b.

C. Third, we must make sure that we’re getting rid of what we need to get rid of—v.8b.

D. Fourth, we must make sure we’re not just going through the motions—v.9.