

Resist the Devil
Life Lessons – Part 4
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Revelation 12:9 (ESV) And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:11 (ESV) And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

1. Control your _____

James 4:1-2a (ESV) What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.

James 4:2b-3 (ESV) You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

James 4:4 (ESV) You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:6 (ESV) But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

2. Draw near to _____

James 4:7-8 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:9-10 (ESV) Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:11-12 (ESV) Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

3. Pursue God’s _____

James 4:13-14 (ESV) Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

James 4:15-17 (ESV) Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read James 4).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What can we learn about the devil from Revelation 12:9?

Intro. Why do you think that most people, including Christians, don't think that the devil is real?

Intro. In what ways has Satan influenced the seven basic world systems of religion, family, education, government, media, arts and entertainment and business?

Intro. How do we overcome the devil (Revelation 12:11)?

1A. How can we know if our desires are proper or improper (James 4:1-2a)?

1B. How can you enjoy the things that exist in the world without becoming worldly (James 4:2b-3)?

1C. What is wrong with attempting to serve God and also seek satisfaction in family, status or material objects (James 4:4-6)?

1D. Why is it hard to resist worldliness?

2A. Why do you think that true humility and submission to God is difficult (James 4:7-8)?

2B. In what ways must we learn to resist the devil?

2C. What does James 4:9-10 teach us about true repentance?

2D. What is the role of believers when they see a brother or sister falling into sinful activities (James 4:11-12)?

2E. In what ways is every temptation a lie from Satan and every sin a result of being deceived? Give some examples.

3A. How might a Christian's plans for the future differ from those of an unbeliever (James 4:13-14)?

3B. How can a Christian put the principles of godly planning into practice (James 4:15-17)?

3C. Why is it important to realize that sin is not just doing wrong, but also failing to do what is right?

3D. How can we use God's Word, God's Spirit, godly counsel and our circumstances to discern God's will?