



James 4:1-10



**Living Faith Humbly
Submits to God**



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The good life is found in submission to God:

1. Where do we seek the good life?
2. Why are we wrong in our seeking?
3. How do we receive the good life?



**1) Where do we seek the good
life? (v. 1-4)**



What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

James 4:1



You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. 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 4:2-3



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 4:4



**What is the thing you want that
you are willing to sin to get?**



2) Why are we wrong in our seeking? (v. 5-6)



Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?”

James 4:5



But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:6



**3) How do we receive this good
life? (v. 7-10)**



FIGHT

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee
from you.

James 4:7



FELLOWSHIP

Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

James 4:8a



FOCUS

Cleanse your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double-
minded.

James 4:8b



FORGIVENESS

Be wretched and mourn and weep.
Let your laughter be turned to
mourning and your joy to gloom.

James 4:9



Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will exalt you.

James 4:10



“The chief end of man is to glorify
God by enjoying Him forever.”

- John Piper

