

Pt.7 God's Game Plan

James 4:6b-12

Step #1...Submission... Vs.7

a. "Submit yourselves...to God"

Contrasting attitudes we can take toward God.

1) The Proud

- Those who reject God's instructions are called "the proud".
- Describes a person who thinks he/she is above other people.

2) The Humble

- Those who submit to God's instructions.
- Describes a person who knows he holds a lowly position when compared to God.

Step #2...Opposition... Vs.7

- "Resist the devil"
- "Resist" means to take a stand against or to set over against.
- Understand that the devil is our enemy as we seek to win the victory in Christ.

What does the Bible say about our enemy?

a. He is real

- Both the biblical witness & human experience testify to the reality of the devil.

b. He is rebellious

- He is doing everything he can to defeat the Lord's work.
- Satan's methods to accomplish his devious design.
 1. He lies... John 8:44
 2. He tempts.

c. He is relentless

- He will continue to lie to us & tempt us & confuse us.
- He never gives up.

God's Promise... Vs.8

Results of drawing near to God... Vs.8-9

Step #3... Cooperation...Vs. 11-12

- Individual Christians, working against each other, will never be victorious.
- Only as our lives are fused together into a unity will we be able to stand.

To criticize & slander one another is wrong for 3 reasons:

1st ... It is an infringement on Love.

2nd ...It is an infringement on God.

3rd ...It is an infringement on Others.