

SERMON SERIES: The Good Life
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Key Line

We can grow if we are honest about our desires

Seek the Word

Read James 4:1-9

- What drives you? What can be the reason behind our sinful actions? (*Worldly desires. We want what we know we shouldn't have and then justify and sin in order to get them. - James 4:1-2*)
- What are some reasons prayers are not answered? (*we ask for things with sinful motives - to spend what we receive on our passions - James 4:3 {reference Luke 15:11 & 13}*)
- What happens when we try to become one with the world? (*We lose our relationship with God, for he is jealous for us. we become proud and lose our humility. And when we lose our humility, we cannot grow. - James 4:4-6*)
- There is a list of ten things James instructs us to do - What are they? What will we receive by doing them? (*Submit to God; Resist the Devil; Draw near to God; Cleanse your hands; Purify your hearts; Be wretched; Mourn and Weep; Turn laughter to mourning; Joy to gloom; Humble yourselves before the Lord. In doing these things you will have a relationship with God and be near him. - James 4:7-10*)

Talk About It

- Can you remember a time you prayed for something desperately and didn't receive it? What were your motives? Talk about a time where your motives were not exactly holy and what was the outcome?
- Why do you think some of us find it so hard to get off of the fence and 'be in the world, not of it'?
- Explain what you think James means by stating being a friend of the world can make you an enemy of God.

Bible Reading Plan

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