

“GRACE THROUGH HUMILITY”

How to Get Close to God & to Stay Close to God

James 4:7a, 10

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Curing the Conflict - James 4:6

- Understanding God’s Grace. 6a
- Humbling Yourself Before the Lord. 6b

Considering the Commands - James 4:7-10

We could approach these verses in various ways:

- #1 – Consider the commands as ten separate imperatives.
- #2 – Survey the commands from the priest-prophet perspective.
- #3 – View the first and last commands as bookends. If so ...
 - ✓ The first and last commands introduce & summarize that grace is received thru humility.
 - ✓ The rest of the commands divide into three couplets that further explain the theme.

FIRST COMMAND: RELINQUISH CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE. 4:7a **“Therefore submit to God.”**

The word **submit** means to “*take rank under.*” The proud person will find this to be a challenge. He will want to do things his way.

LAST COMMAND: RESPOND HUMBLY TO SUCCESS. 4:10 **“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”**

This concept occurs more than fifty times in the Word of God. The way you find the blessing of God is through humility. Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less – and thinking of God more.