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Part 8: Struggle

James 1:25 (ESV)- But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

REVIEW

- ✦ God's Wisdom Vs. Man's Wisdom.
- ✤ God's Results Vs. Man's Results
- Examine what wisdom we are using.

Notes:

1. THE STRUGGLE

James 4:1-3 (ESV)- What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that <u>your passions are at war within you</u>?

2. THE SIN

James 4:4-5 (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.

3. THE SOLUTION

James 4:6-9 (ESV)- But he gives <u>more grace</u>. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but <u>gives grace to the humble</u>." 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. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

4. THE SURPRISE

James 4:10- (ESV) <u>Humble yourselves</u> before the Lord, and <u>he will exalt you</u>.

Life Application Section

A. <u>Obey</u> what God says. James 4:7(ESV)- Submit yourselves therefore to God.

B. <u>Fight</u> what the devil offers. James 4:7 (ESV)- Resist the devil, and he will flee from you

C. <u>Pursue</u> God. James 4:8 (ESV)- Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

D. Repent when we fall short.

James 4:9 (ESV) Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep.

E. Remain <u>humble</u> in our attitudes.

James 4:12 (ESV) There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Here is The Point: The way to peace is through grace...