

Submission as the Way to God's Wisdom

Satan so tempts us to embrace a faith (and a life) that is a poor substitute for real faith or real life. Knowing this, how do we get to where God truly wants us? The answer James gives is not popular today. The answer is submission.

Scripture: James 4:4-10

I. The first way that we move from the pride of God-opposed worldly wisdom to God-honoring trustworthy wisdom is by accepting that any other wisdom puts a _____ between us and God. The Spirit fights against this selfish pursuit of pleasure for this reason - false _____.

James 2:23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.

✓ Make the Lord your chief desire by _____ your heart to His heart.

II. The second way that we move from the pride of God-opposed worldly wisdom to God-honoring trustworthy wisdom is to _____ to God. Real submission is the key to true _____. ✓ Resist Satan's message and he will _____.

Ephesians 4:26-27 26 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. (see also Romans 13:11-14)

III. The third way that we move from the pride of God-opposed worldly wisdom to God-honoring trustworthy wisdom is to be _____ about sin. Understand this: that which we chase to find peace and happiness is that which will lead us in _____ our other choices.

Jeremiah 44:9-18 9 Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 10 But they have not become contrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor walked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers." 11 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am going to set My face against you for woe, even to cut off all Judah. 12 And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword and meet their end by famine. Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach... 15 Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying, 16 "As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we are not going to listen to you! 17 But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and were well off and saw no misfortune. 18 But since we stopped burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have met our end by the sword and by famine."

✓ Submit to the presence and _____ of the Lord - start there.

Remember this - Submission is not _____ but is exactly where God calls us to be.

Our challenge: Let God be _____ in your life.

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