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**God DOESN'T want ANY of
us acting independent
(we are to follow His
leadership and direction,
ALWAYS leaning on Him)**

Proverbs 3:5-7



James 4:7-10





HUMBLE YOURSELF

**If you want to STOP the
self-centered tendencies
which wage war internally and
spill into other relationships,
then submit yourself to God**

James 4:7a



**The proper response is
to submit; to surrender your
will and your desires and
to obediently follow what
God has for you**



**We begin by asking the
questions:**

**“What does God want
from me?**

**Where does God want me
to serve Him?”**



**The ONLY way to correct our
selfish, **prideful** hearts is to
submit to God (to **die** to
yourself and **live** for Christ)**



**Do you see the order:
It's glorify God (1st) and when
you do, you will enjoy Him
forever (our pleasure comes
from glorifying God)**



James 4:7

Matthew 4:1-11



EVERY aspect of Jesus' life
was lived in **complete**
submission to His
Heavenly Father

James 4:8a



**Resist the devil (put off that
destructive relationship) and
instead draw near (put on that
desirable relationship)**



“Draw Near to God” = to come near; to approach; to be joined together



James 4:8

If you genuinely desire
to draw near to God, then
your **actions** and your
thoughts should reflect
that profession



BEFORE it's too late;
before you're **entangled** and
ensnared by sin, **STOP** and
cleanse your hands

James 4:9



**This is the 4th call to
repentance (let your heart
break over sin; turn from your
wicked, idolatrous ways,
you double-minded)**

James 4:10



**Being humble means to have
a proper view of oneself;
to understand our desperate
need and to seek God's help**



“Exalt you” = to be **lifted up
(**ONLY** God is able to take the
broken and humbled in heart
and **restore** them)**

