

Winning The War For the Soul

James 4:4-10

• 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.

- Place yourself under. Yield to His will. (Js. 4:14-17)
- As a soldier to his Commander.
 - I Sam. 15:22-23; Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46; Rev. 22:14

• Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- Set yourself against your greatest enemy. (I Pet. 5:8)
- Gen. 3:1-6; Jn. 8:44; II Cor. 2:11; Rev. 12
- I Cor. 10:13
- Follow the example of those who resisted.
 - Joseph. (Gen. 39:8-10); Daniel. (1:8); Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego. (Dan. 3:17-18)

• 8 Draw nigh to God...(Eph. 2:13,17)

- He is not far from us. (Acts 17:27-28; Rom. 10:6-8)
- We draw near to God when...
 - We study His word. (Jn. 5:39; II Tim. 2:15)
 - Pray. (Heb. 4:15-16)
 - Worship Him in spirit and truth. (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - Keep His precepts. (Jn. 14:15; 15:14)
 - Associate with godly people. (I Cor. 15:33)

• Cleanse your hands, ye sinners;

- Sin is contaminating. (Matt. 15:19-20)
- Quit sinning. Repent. (Isa. 1:15-17)
- Perfect holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1)
- Repent and seek God's forgiveness. (Acts 8; I Jn. 1:8)

• and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

- Not just the actions, but the motives, attitudes, thoughts must be dealt with.
- Our minds must be pure. (Phil. 4:8; Prov. 23:7)
- Shun those things that would lead to impure thoughts.
- Keep your focus. God does not permit a split allegiance. (Matt. 6:24; Col. 3:1-2)

• 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

- Too few mourn over sin. (I Cor. 5:2)
- Over the tragedy of sin. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
- Matt. 5:4 → blessed are they that mourn.
- II Cor. 7:10-11 → **11** For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

• 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

- Matt. 5:3 → "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Matt. 18:1-3 → **1** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" **2** And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,
- **3** and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.