

“Success” in Prayer

(James 4:1-12) Series: Overcoming through Prayer

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- Humility (James 4:1-12)
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 - B. The cause of wars and fights (v. 2-3)
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 2. Recognize the internal passions at work
 - C. Friendship with the world makes people enemies of God (4:4-5)
 - D. The remedy (4:6-12)
 1. Look for _____ (v. 6-8a)
 - a. _____ to God (4:7a)
 - b. _____ Satan (4:7b)
 - c. _____ to God (4:8a)
 2. Address _____ in your life (4:8b-10)
 - a. Cleanse your _____ (action changes) (8a)
 - b. Purify your _____ (mind changes) (8b)
 - c. _____, _____, _____ yourself (4:9-10)

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 1. Look for **pride** (v. 6-8a)
 - a. **Submit** to God (4:7a)
 - b. **Resist** Satan (4:7b)
 - c. **Draw near** to God (4:8a)
 2. Address **sin** in your life (4:8b-10)
 - d. Cleanse your **hands** (action changes) (8a)
 - e. Purify your **heart** (mind changes) (8b)
 - f. **Mourn, weep, humble** yourself (4:9-10)