

Growing In Grace

James 4:6-10 (NASB) "He gives greater grace to the humble. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit 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 miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you."

First: **SUBMIT** to God:

James 4:7 (NASB) "Submit therefore to God."

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Matthew 4:1-11

1. Jesus submitted Himself to God:

Matthew 4:1 (NASB) "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

2. Jesus humbled Himself and drew near to God:

Matthew 4:2, (NASB) "He fasted forty days and forty nights."

The devil cannot hurt or defeat the Christian whose immune system is strong because that person is living in submission to God.

John 15:7 (NASB) "If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."

Second: **DRAW NEAR** to God:

James 4:8a (NASB) "Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."

1. You need to learn to **ABIDE** in Christ:

John 15:5 (NASB) "I am the vine you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."

2. Deal seriously with **SIN**:

James 4:8b (NASB) "Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded."

1 John 1:9 (NASB) "If we confess our sin He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness."

Acts 3:19 (NASB) "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

John 15:3 (NASB) "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

3. **ABIDE** in His Word:

John 18:31-32 (NASB) "If you continue in My Word then you are my disciples indeed and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free."

2 Timothy 4:2 (NASB) "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth."

Ephesians 6: 17b (NASB) "And take (up) the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

NOTES



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1. Learn to **PRAY** in faith:

John 15:7 (NASB) "If you abide in ME, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."

1 John 5:14-15 (NASB) "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

2. Walk in **OBEDIANCE**:

John 15:10 (NASB) "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

FELLOWSHIPPING with believers:

John 13:34-35 (NASB) "A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another as I have loved you that you also love one another. By this shall all men know you are my disciples that you have love one for the other."

Hebrew 10; 24-25a (NASB) "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

WITNESSING to the lost world:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB) "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. God therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8 "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Application:

Submit to God's authority:

Have you alienated yourself in proper rank under your Commander, Jesus Christ?

Yes No

What is the "warm spot(s)" you have chosen in the World that keeps you in temporary comfort but keeps you from intimacy with God?

What do you need to do to bring your life under the full and complete submission to God's authority?

Draw Near to God:

Are you intentional in your pursuit of intimacy with your heavenly Father?

How faithful are you to the disciplines that will draw you closer to God?

Abide in Christ:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Deal seriously with sin:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Abide in His Word:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Pray in Faith:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Walk in Obedience:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Fellowship with Believers:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Witness to the World:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What will you do this week to adjust your life to accommodate what God has shown you?

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