

**NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!**

Lesson 7

James 4:6-8a

God is opposed to the proud

God gives a greater grace to the humble

Grace: *Joy, Strength, Wisdom, Victory and Peace*

Submit to God!

Resist the Devil!

James 4:8

Draw near to God!

James 4:9 - Sin will steal our joy

James 4:10 - Where do we humble ourselves?

John 3:30

What do we find in the presence of the Lord?

Psalm 16:11

James 4:11 & 12 - Difference between judgement and Bible-based assessment of sin

Matthew 18:15-17

James 4:13 - 15 -

Matthew 6:10

A valuable vapor!

Luke 12:15

Psalm 39:4-8

Matthew 6:19-21; 25-33

James 4:16 & 17 -

James 5:1-6 - Hoarding and Selfishness

1 - Evaluate what you have

2 - Every time you get something new - give something else away

### **DAILY ENDURANCE CHALLENGE**

**DAY 1** - Read James 4:1-10. Write down 3 lessons that you have learned from studying these verses. What part does pride play in judging others? Who do you know that is a truly humble person? What have you learned from this person's life?

**DAY 2** - Read John 3:22-36. What areas of your life are difficult to turn over to God's control? What practical steps can you take so that you decrease and Christ increases in your life? What steps can you take to draw near to God?

**DAY 3** - Read James 4:8-10 again and also read Psalm. According to these 2 Scripture passages, what happens in the presence of the Lord? Is it possible to experience the joy of the Lord while remaining in sin or in pride? Why or why not?

**DAY 4** - Read James 4:11& 12; Matthew 18:15-35. What is the difference between discerning sin in the life of a brother or a sister and judging them? Write down the steps that Jesus gave us in Matthew 18 to deal with sin.

**DAY 5** - Read James 4:13 - 15; Matthew 6:9-15. What attitude does God want us to have about the future? Why?

**DAY 6** - Read James 4:13 - 15 again; Read Luke 12:15 and Psalm 39:4-8. What are some practices that you can integrate into your life every day to make sure that you are living well?

**DAY 7** - Read James 4:16 & 17 and also James 5:1-6. How can you use your financial resources for God's glory? In what ways do you need to change your heart attitudes about finances and wealth?