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Idols Of The Heart How To Defeat Them *James 4:7-10*

To win the battle with your untamed desires, you must humble yourself.

Conflicts Are Caused By Our Wants (4:1-6)

Conflicts Are Cured By Humility (4:7-10)

Humility Is Genuine _____ To God (4:7-8a)

Two benefits of submission to God...

- It Reminds Us Of The _____
- It Transforms Our _____

Humility Is Genuine _____ For Sin (4:8b-9)

Two truths help us understand repentance:

- Repentance Is Needed For _____ And _____ (The Outside And The Inside)
- Repentance Is Expressed Through _____ And _____ (The Inside And The Outside)

Humility Is Genuine _____ With God (4:10)

James makes two points about this relationship:

- This Relationship Is _____
- This Relationship Is _____

Application Helps:

- You don't get this the first or second time you hear it. Go to our website and listen to this message and last week's message again. Can you summarize what you learned in one sentence? What do you disagree with? What do you dislike, but you know is true?
 - Where are you fighting God? Which circumstance or person are you angry with God for allowing in your life? Will you confess your resistance to submitting to God? Read Jerry Bridges book, *Trusting God*, for a biblical understanding of what God is doing in your life through that person or circumstance.
 - Read Psalm 51 and 2 Corinthians 7:8-12 and find 10 fruits of repentance. Then determine whether each one is present or absent in your life and cite the evidence for your conclusion. In other words, how do you know that sign of repentance is or isn't in your life?
 - Pick several items from the following list to implement this week.
Daily Steps to Kill Pride♥
1. Begin the day acknowledging your dependence upon God and your confidence in God.
 2. At the outset of each day express specific gratefulness to God.
 3. Practice the spiritual disciplines.
 4. Seize your daily commute as an opportunity to meditate on scripture.
 5. Throughout each day cast your cares upon him.
 6. At the end of the day transfer the glory to God
 7. before falling asleep acknowledge the purpose of sleep. The need for sleep is a daily reminder that we are creatures not the Creator, that we are not self-sufficient, and that only God is self-sufficient. Only God neither slumbers nor sleeps.