



LESSON SEVEN: Genuine Humility

(James 4:1-7)

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE
January 22, 2012

By Ray Reynolds

Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine humility. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Humble Christians Are Satisfied (vs.1-2)

- A. We should not fight over carnal things.
- B. We should not lust, covet, or murder for pleasure.
- C. We should do not have because they do not ask.

II. Humble Christians Are Prayerful (v.3)

- A. We need to make our requests known to God.
- B. We need to make sure that our prayers are not amiss.
- C. We need to consider the intent of our heart.

III. Humble Christians Are Spiritual (vs.4-5)

- A. We must not turn our back on God.
- B. We must not become friends with the world.
- C. We must not forget our spiritual nature.

IV. Humble Christians Are Graceful (v.6)

- A. We can be full of God's grace or full of pride.
- B. We can be resisted by God or assisted by God.
- C. We can have access to unlimited grace.

V. Humble Christians Are Submissive (v.7)

- A. Submission to God is a sign of a humble heart.
- B. Resisting the devil is a sign of a humble heart.
- C. Safety from trials are the result of humble heart.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine humility. Will you follow James' advice?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Humility"