

James: Faith on Display  
Faith on Display in Facing the Enemy  
James 4:1-12

In the ever increasing secularization of our society, the concept of worldliness doesn't make sense. We live in a present reality in this world so we are by definition worldly or at least in this world. We are being conditioned to live life in this world pursuing whatever passions or pleasures grip our hearts. We are taught to throw off any inhibitions so that we might experience life to its fullest.

1. Worldliness is exposed through perpetual conflict with others.
  
2. Worldliness is originated in conflict within ourselves.
  
3. Worldliness results in conflict with God.

Our relationship with God is dependent upon that which is in our hearts. If we have worldliness in our hearts, we will not experience the joys and blessings that God has to offer. He will gladly let the world take credit for the misery it creates. But when we come to our senses and push the world out, God will gladly take His seat on throne of our hearts. He will meet us where we are and give more grace than we can ever imagine.

Reflection

Consider the statement made by Jerry Bridges: "Our worst days are never so bad that we are beyond the reach of God's grace. And our best days are never so good that we are beyond the need for God's grace." What kind of day are you in today? Are you having a bad day or experiencing a tumultuous time in your life? Are you having a good day, or experiencing a time where everything seems to be working out well? Either way, God makes his grace abundantly available. Regardless of how your life is going right now, take some time to consider how you might experience the grace that God has in store for you today.