

A man in a light-colored shirt and dark pants is kneeling on a city street, his hands clasped in prayer. The background is a blurred city street with buildings and other people walking. A white horizontal band across the middle of the image contains the text.

HUMBLE YOURSELVES IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD

JAMES 4:1-12

HUMILITY & QUARRELS

- Quarrels and conflicts are serious business (Jas. 4:1-2; cf. Matt. 5:22).
- Conflict indicates misplaced desires (Jas. 4:1-3; cf. Tit. 3:3).
- This ultimately means misplaced loyalties (Jas. 4:4; cf. Matt. 6:24).
- God will have no competition for our hearts (Jas. 4:5; Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Zech. 8:2).
- Humility is key to regulating our desires (Jas. 4:6).

HUMILITY & REPENTANCE

- Humble submission to God is how we resist the devil (Jas. 4:7-8; cf. Prov. 3:34; Matt. 4:4-11).
- Unresolved sin always leads to double-mindedness (Jas. 4:8; 1:5).
- Humble sorrow is necessary for repentance (Jas. 4:9; cf. Ezek. 36:31; Lk. 3:7-8).

HUMILITY & JUDGMENT

- Slander is to speak evil against (Jas. 4:11; cf. 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16).
- We follow the law, we do not make it (Jas. 4:11; Matt. 12:7).
- It is a haughty thing to think God or His law is insufficient (Jas. 4:12; cf. Jn. 8:10-11).