

## Faith That Works

OVERCOMES/EXTINGUISHES WORLDLINESS – PT.2

10/28/07



Text: James 4:6-10

*“<sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” (ESV)*

**FAITH THAT WORKS** OVERCOMES/EXTINGUISHES WORLDLINESS. It is a progressive activity. First it’s overcoming, then extinguishing.

A two-fold strategy:

1. **S**\_\_\_\_\_ – forge an impenetrable alliance with the Lord

Eighteenth-century evangelist George Whitefield said, “*Every man by his own natural will hates God. But when he is turned to the Lord by evangelical repentance, then his will is changed; then his conscience, now hardened and benumbed, shall be quickened and weakened; then his hard heart shall be melted, and his unruly affections shall be crucified. Thus, by that repentance, the whole soul will be changed, he will have new inclinations, new desires, and new habits.*”

2. **B**\_\_\_\_\_ – throw the gauntlet down declaring war with the devil

Other key components of submitting and battling include.....

*“<sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”*

Cross References:

*“Cleanse your hands, you sinners....”*

Cross References:

*“Purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

Cross References:

*“Be Wretched...”(miserable)*

Cross References:

*“Mourn....”*

*“Weep...”*

Cross References:

*“Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.”*

Cross References:

*“<sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”*

Cross References:

*“The devil cannot dominate the servants of God who hope in Him with all their hearts. The devil can wrestle, but he can never pin....If you resist him, he will flee defeated.” – Hermas.*