

James 4:4 (NLT)

You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

James 4:5-6 (NLT)

What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy?

[6] But He gives us even more grace to stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, God opposes the proud but favors the humble.

Hebrews 4:14-15 (NLT)

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.

[15] This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

**DESPERATELY in
NEED of GRACE**

James 4:4-6



MORE to COME

James identified the source of the bitter fighting as being **the Pursuit of Pleasure**.
So now he moves to **a REBUKE** of his readers **for spiritual unfaithfulness**.

WORLD- the **organized Satanic system**
that is **opposed to God** and **hostile to**
Jesus and **His followers...**

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

No one can serve **two masters**. Either he will **HATE** the one and **LOVE** the other, or he will be **DEVOTED** to the one and **DESPISE** the other.

You cannot serve both **God** and **Money**.

5- Or do you think **Scripture says**
without reason that the Spirit
He has caused to
live IN us *[by regeneration]*
yearns jealously
[for our faithfulness to God].

They were being **unfaithful to God** and
committing **spiritual adultery** with the
world as **they sought to satisfy**
their own cravings at the
expense of church harmony.

→ **Spiritual Adultery** occurs
when we look **OUTSIDE** our **relationship**
with **God** to have our needs met.
It happens **when we INVITE** a third party,
the WORLD, into the **relationship**.

→ God is a **JEALOUS** God - He does not want to **SHARE** us with the world

Ephesians 4:30 (NLT)

And do not bring sorrow to God's **Holy Spirit**
by the WAY you live.

Remember, He has identified you **as His own**,
guaranteeing that you will be saved
on the day of redemption.

The call is to **shun pride** and to **submit humbly to God's authority.**

The cure for conflict is a **humble spirit** which is **rewarded by God's unmerited favor.**

→ There is a Difference between Grace
that **SAVES** us and Grace that
SUSTAINS us

GRACE is God's **HELP**
that we don't **DESERVE**.

God's Grace is **GREATER**
than our **need** and
MORE than we **ask**.

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For it is **by GRACE** you have
been **SAVED**, through **faith**
and this not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God -
not by works,
so that no one **can boast.**

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been **justified through faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained **access by faith into this GRACE** in which we now stand.

And we **rejoice** in the hope of the **glory of God**.

As God gives us MORE GRACE,
we realize that this world's seductive
attractions are only cheap substitutes
for what God has to offer.

It is our choice - we can **HUMBLE** ourselves
and **receive God's GRACE,**
OR we can **continue** in our pride and
self-sufficiency and **experience His anger.**

→ God OPPOSES the Proud...

Prov. 16:5 (NIV)

The **LORD Detests** all the **proud** of heart.
Be sure of this: **They will not go unpunished.**

Prov. 16:18 (HCS)

PRIDE comes before destruction,
and an **arrogant spirit** before a **fall**.

Daniel 4:37 (NIV)

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt
and glorify the King of heaven, because
everything **HE** does is **right**
and all **HIS** ways are **just**.

And **those who WALK in PRIDE**
HE is able to **humble**.

→ God gives us **GRACE** so that
we can **LIVE** His way

There will always be
ENOUGH grace
regardless of our situation or need.

Isaiah 66:2 (NIV)

...This is the one I esteem:

he who is **HUMBLE** and **contrite** in spirit,
and **TREMbles** at **MY WORD**.

God has set a high standard for
wholehearted love and devotion on
the part of his people, **but**
He gives grace that is GREATER
than the rigorous demand **HE** has made.

Psalm 23:1-4 (NIV)

The LORD is **my shepherd**, I shall not be in want.

[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

[3] He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

[4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for YOU are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Hebrews 4:14 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a **great high priest** who has gone through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us **hold firmly to the faith** we profess.

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

For we **do not** have a **High Priest** who is unable to **sympathize** with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way**, just as we are - **yet was without sin.**

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Let us then approach the
throne of grace with **confidence**,
so that
we may **receive mercy**
and **find GRACE** to help us
in our **time of need**.

He giveth MORE GRACE

when the burdens grow greater,

He sendeth **MORE** strength

when the labors increase;

To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,

To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted
our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed
ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end
of our hoarded resources -
**Our Father's full giving
is only begun.**

His love has no limits,
His GRACE has no MEASURE,
His power has no boundary
known unto men;
For out of His **infinite**
riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth,
and giveth again.