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JAMES CHAPTER 4

God hates *human pride*.

Proverbs 6:16-17; Proverbs 16:5; James 4:6

What is it?

- 1-2: **Selfishness** that causes conflict to get its own way.
- 3: **Greediness** that only wants personal satisfaction.
- 4-6: Total **exaltation** of me, myself, & mine.
- 11-12: **Meanness** that belittles and tears down others for its own glory.
- 13-17: Attitude of **self-dependence** and trust in its own power & wisdom.

Pride is a big view of **me** and little view of **God**.

Ephesians 1:2-23

When God looks at the center of the universe, he's not looking at **me**. That's what 7-10 is all about.

Humility at its most basic point is a **right perspective** of yourself. Instead of a central me & a peripheral God, it is a central God in **every part** of me.

Philippians 2:3-5

When the **attitude** of Christ is central in my life, fights and quarrels over what I want don't happen.

Psalms 37:4; 1 John 5:14

When God is our desire and His **will** is at the center, then our prayers are answered and our souls are satisfied.

1 John 2:15-17

When the **love** of the Father for us and our love for him is center, then our lives have eternal impact for His Glory.

Ephesians 4:29-30

When the **Holy Spirit** is centered in me, my words build others up.

Ephesians 5:15-17

When the Lord's **will** is centered, our lives have purpose and opportunities aren't wasted.

*"The **God-centered** life works and rescues us from a life that doesn't." -- Max Lucado*

Enlarge your view of God:

Read a Psalm a day this week beginning with 95 and ending with 100.

The heart of chapter 4 is verse 10:
Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.