

Submit to God & Find Peace
Active Faith Unleashed – Part 8
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Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 13:22 (NIV2011) The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

1. The root of _____

James 4:1 (ESV) What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

James 4:2-3 (ESV) You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

2. The danger of _____

James 4:4 (ESV) You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:5-6 (ESV) Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

3. Submit to _____

James 4:7 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:8-9 (ESV) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

James 4:10 (ESV) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Intro. Why do you think that most people desire peace in their lives?

What is the path to peace given to us in Philippians 4:6-7?

In what ways is worry like a weed growing in the garden of our hearts (Matthew 13:22)?

1A. What is the cause of conflicts between people (James 4:1)?

1B. What is the solution to conflict according to James 4:2-3?

1C. Why are some prayers not answered (James 4:3)?

1D. What are some weeds in your life that need to be pulled to avoid conflicts?

2A. What is friendship with the world (James 4:4)?

2B. Why is humility so important in our relationship with God (James 4:5-6)?

2C. In what ways does peer pressure tempt you to be friends of the world?

2D. How can you grow in in being a leader for Jesus and not a follower of the crowd?

3A. Explain how you could submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7).

3B. Why do you think James defines repentance in such graphic terms (James 4:8-9)?

3C. What are the two promises in James 4:8-10?

3D. What areas in your life to you need to submit more completely to God?