



KEEPING IT HUMBLE

James 3 & 4

Following Jesus is more than just saying you believe.
You've got to Live It!

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honour." James 4:10

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
James 4:6

PRIDE is putting myself in God's shoes.

HUMILITY is seeing myself as God sees me.

HOW TO LIVE OUT BIBLICAL HUMILITY

1. CONTROL what I SAY – my words.

James 3:1-12, 4:11-12

PRIDEFUL WORDS:

"...no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." James 3:8

HUMBLE WORDS:

"Don't use any foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." Ephesians 4:29

2. CHANGE what I WANT - my desires.

James 4:1-10

PRIDEFUL DESIRES:

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?" James 4:1

"It is humbling to realize how much our hearts are divided – how often our desires, motives, emotions and decision making are directed toward ourselves rather than Christ."
Jerry

HUMBLE DESIRES:

"... purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." James 4:8

3. CONSECRATE what I PLAN – my ambitions.

James 4:13-16

PRIDEFUL PLANS:

"Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." James 4:13

HUMBLE PLANS:

"What you ought to say is, 'If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:15

God, I confess that I can't live how you want me to. I often walk away from you and only think about what's best for me. I need your Holy Spirit to help me control what I say, change what I want and consecrate my plans for the future. God, please help me to walk humbly like Jesus did. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

