

Growth Group Discussion
February 25, 2018
The War Within - 8
James 4:1-10

† **Ice Breaker:**

- Which do you prefer: An easy but relatively insignificant life or a painful yet incredibly profound life?

† **Observation:**

Read: Ja 4:8; Eph 2:8-9; 1 Cor 13:11; Rom 5:1; Heb 10:14; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1

- Explain the command “cleanse your hands, you sinners” from the position of *grace*. Is this passage teaching *works* based salvation?

Read: Ps 24:3-4; Mt 15:19; Col 3:1-3

- Compare our *hands* and *hearts* described in the text. What areas do these represent in my life and what steps should I take to ‘clean’ them.

Read: James 4:6-9

- Since *cleaning* and *purifying* are practical and pragmatic, why should we not start here in overcoming worldliness? Where must we start?

Read: 1 John 1:9; Lk 15:17-19;

- Regarding ways we can ‘clean and purify’ our lives; explain what *confession* means and why it’s a critical first step.

Read: Gal 2:20; Rom 6:16-19

- Explain the difference between our ‘one-time’ cleaning that comes from salvation and our need for ‘continual’ cleaning in daily sanctification.

Read: Ps 51:1-17;

- What is a *contrite* spirit? Why is this pleasing to God and how does this contribute to our purified mind?

Application:

- What practical way can I *spiritually* wash with biblical *soap and water* this week?

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Six issues dealing with worldliness:

1. Requirements of Worldliness
2. Regression of Worldliness
3. Reason for Worldliness
4. Result of Worldliness
5. Recovery from Worldliness
 - In Hope
 - In Humility
 - In Heeding
 - In Holding Ground
 - In Hallowing

Command 26:

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Command 27:

3 Ways to clean hands and pure hearts:

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Referenced Passages: Jam 4:1:1-10 | 1 Cor 13:11 | 2 Tim 2:19-21 | Ps 24:3-4 | Ex 30:18-21 | 1 Jn 1:7 | Mt 15:1-3,8 | Rom 5:1 | Heb 10:14 | 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 | Jn 13:6-10 | Mt 15:19 | Jer 17:9 | Col 3:1-3 | Gal 3:3 | Lk 15:18-19 | Ps 51:2-17 | 2 Kings 5:8-14 |