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James 4:1-10

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**
 - **In Halting our old ways**
 - **In Healing our minds**
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Command 28:

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Command 31:

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Referenced Passages: Jam 4:1:1-10 | 1 Pt 4:10-11 | 1 cor 10:31 | Ps 73:25 | Ps 63:1 | Mk 12:29 | Mt 26:37-39 | Rom 7:21-24 | Lk 18:13 | 2 Cor 7:9-11 | Rm 6:20-22 | Ps 51:2-10 | Mt 26:75 | Mt 11:29-30 | Mt 5:4 | Ps 30:5 | Lk 6:21-25 |

Growth Group Discussion
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† **Ice Breaker:**

- If you were in the circus what act would you be?

† **Observation:**

Read: Ja 4:9; Rm 6:6-8;

- Since we have been set free from sin; why would God want us to experience the *weight* of worldliness?

Read: Rom 6:20-22; 7:21-24; Lk 18:13; Phil 3:12-14

- What does it mean to me *grieve, mourn and weep* over sin? How does this help us *recover* from worldliness?

Read: 1 John 1:9; Lk 15:17-19; Mt 11:28-30

- What is the significance of these commands being in the *aorist* tense? How does this comply with Jesus instructions in Matthew 11?

Read: Ja 4:9b;

- Explain the practical difference between *laughter* and *joy*. What is James referring to when he speaks of worldly *laughter and joy*?

Read: Examples of passive imperative Eph 5:18; Rm 12:2; Acts 2:40

- Explain how exercising our free will to “*turn*” laughter to mourning and joy to gloom is both an act of God and an act of man? (see *definition of passive imperative in Greek*).

Read: Mt 11:29-30; Lk 6:21-25; Ps 30:5

- Since Ja 4:9 is such an *odd-command* how do we balance it with the fullness of scripture and what is the *good news* to be found within?

Application:

- What intentional way can I use *remorse* for sin motivate me to godliness this week?