

"Apps for Life" A Study of James

James 4:1-17 April 22, 2012

IX. The Humility App: Showing Preference (4:1-17)

A. Pride must be replaced with humility (4:1-10)

- 1. The dilemma of selfish preferences: the cause of conflict (v.1-5)
 - a. An exalted view of self and our preferences (v.1-3, 5)
 - b. An exalted view of the world and it's preferences (v.4)
- 2. The delight of Godly preferences: the cure for conflict (v.6-10)
 - a. Preferring God and others invites the grace of God (v.6)
 - b. Preferring to submit to God and His authority (v.7)
 - c. Preferring to <u>resist</u> Satan and his tactics (v.7)
 - d. Preferring to draw near to God in relationship (v.8)
 - e. Preferring a clear <u>conscience</u> before God (v.8)
 - f. Preferring the <u>brokenness</u> of man's selfish spirit (v.9)
 - g. Preferring God's management of our lives (v.10)