



— JAMES 4:7-17 —

HEART CHECK & PRAYER

SUBMIT TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL. DRAW NEAR.

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you."*

— JAMES 4:7-8 (NIV)



HEART CHECK

Take time to honestly examine your heart
in light of God's Word.



• WHO IS ON THE THRONE?

Is God truly Lord of my life, or am I
trying to be in control?
(James 4:6-7, 13-16)



• IS MY HEART DIVIDED?

Are my affections pulled toward the world,
or fully devoted to God?
(James 4:4, 8; 1 John 2:15-16)



• HOW DO I RESPOND TO CONFLICT?

Do my desires lead to quarrels, or do I
seek God first in prayer?
(James 4:1-3)



• AM I RESISTING THE DEVIL CORRECTLY?

Do I resist temptation from a place of
submission to God, or rely on my
own strength?
(James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9)



• HAVE I REPENTED SINCERELY?

Do I grieve over sin and cleanse my heart,
or excuse and minimize it?
(James 4:8-10)



• DO I JUDGE OTHERS?

Am I speaking against others instead of
humbling myself before God?
(James 4:11-12)



• DO I HOLD MY PLANS LOOSELY?

Do I trust God with tomorrow,
or presume upon it?
(James 4:13-17)

KEY REMINDERS



SUBMIT FIRST

Place yourself under God's authority.
He is God. You are not.
(James 4:7)



RESIST WITH CONFIDENCE

Stand against the devil's schemes.
He will flee because Christ has
already defeated him.
(James 4:7; Colossians 2:15)



DRAW NEAR TO GOD

Come close with a humble heart,
and He will come close to you.
(James 4:8)



CLEANSE & HUMBLE

Wash your hands, purify your heart,
grieve over sin, and humble yourself.
God lifts the humble.
(James 4:8-10)



LEAVE JUDGMENT TO GOD

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge.
Do not take His seat.
(James 4:11-12)



SURRENDER YOUR FUTURE

If it is the Lord's will, we will live
and do this or that.
(James 4:15)

PRAYER



*Father, search my heart and show me anything that competes with You.
I confess my divided loyalties, my selfish desires, my pride, and my need to control.
Forgive me for the times I have sought my own will instead of Yours.*

I submit myself to You completely.

Help me resist the devil by standing firm in Your truth, not in my own strength.

Draw me near to You, and change my heart to reflect Yours.

Teach me to humble myself, to trust Your plans, and to surrender my future into Your hands.

Make me a doer of Your Word, not a hearer only.

In Jesus' name, amen.



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