**The Epistle of James**

**Chapter 4**  **Humility and Grace**

1. We Must Ask with Pure Motives (1-6)
2. Not having because we do not ask
3. Not having because we ask with selfish motives
4. Resist Evil; Humble Yourselves (7-10)
5. Avoid Slander; Do not Judge (11-12)
6. If the Lord Wills (13-17

Summary

In this chapter, James emphasizes patience and humility. We find the saying, “you have not, because you ask not” (v.2 – KJV) and a very strong admonition to avoid judging one another. Because we do not what tomorrow may bring, we should never assume or boast of our plans. It should be, “If the Lord wills…” – our trust is in Jesus.

Study Questions

1. How often do you say, “I am going to do….” – do you agree with James that we should acknowledge the Lord when we talk of our plans? Or is this a little extreme?
2. What is an example of asking for something with the wrong motive? What would be a biblical example of this?
3. Who else said, “do not judge”? Where can this be found?

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