

'Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

James 4:4-6 (New King James Version)

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. '

James 4:7-10(New King James Version)

You are like an unfaithful wife who loves her husband's enemies. Don't you realize that making friends with God's enemies—the evil pleasures of this world—makes you an enemy of God? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy the evil pleasure of the unsaved world, you cannot also be a friend of God.

James 4:4 (Living Bible)

'You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. '

James 4:4 (New International Version)

You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don't you know that flirting with the world's values places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy!

James 4:4 (Passion Translation)

'Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain,
“The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?’

James 4:5 (New King James Version)

'Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “ He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”? '

James 4:5 (NAS))

'Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning?
They say that God is passionate that the spirit he
has placed within us should be faithful to him. '

James 4:5 (New Living Translation)

'Or do you think that the Scripture says to no purpose that the [human] spirit which He has made to dwell in us lusts with envy? '

James 4:5 (Amplified Bible)

'Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us ? '

James 4:5 (New International Version)

And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "he's a fiercely jealous lover."

James 4:5 (The Message)

Or what do you think the Scripture means when it says that the Holy Spirit, whom God has placed within us, watches over us with tender jealousy?

James 4:5 (The Living Bible)

Does the Scripture mean nothing to you that says, “The Spirit that God breathed into our hearts is a jealous Lover who intensely desires to have more and more of us”?

James 4:5 (The Passion Translation)

Or, do you think that the scripture says in an empty manner and to no purpose, The Spirit (Holy Spirit) who has been caused to make His permanent home in us has a passionate desire (to control us) to the point of envy (of any control indwelling sin may have over us)?

James 4:5 (Wuest Explanded Translation)

'But He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]. Therefore, it says, "God is opposed to the proud and haughty , but [continually] gives [the gift of] grace to the humble [who turn away from self-righteousness]."' '

James 4:6 (Amplified Bible)

And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."

James 4:6 (The Message)

Moreover, He (the Holy Spirit) gives greater grace. For this reason (in conformity with this) He (the Holy Spirit) says, God sets himself in battle array against the arrogant and haughty but gives grace to the humble and lowly.

James 4:6 (Wuest Expanded Translation)

'Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.'

James 4:7 (New King James Version)

So then, surrender to God. Stand up to the devil and resist him and he will turn and run away from you.

James 4:7 (The Passion Translation)

Be subject with implicit obedience to God at once and once for all. Stand immovable against the onset of the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 (Wuest Expanded Translation)

AMG' s Annotated Strong's Greek Dictionary of the New Testament Subject:
hupotage; to *subordinate*; reflexive to *obey*: -- be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under) submit self unto.

(I) in the active voice, to make other subject, to subordinate, to force others to be subject. Spoken of God bringing all things under control of Christ

(I Cor 15:27-28; Eph 1:22; Heb 2:5)

(II) In the passive voice, to be brought under the control of someone else

(I Pet 3:22)

(III) In the middle voice, to submit oneself, to be subject, to be obedient

(Heb 12:9)

Merriam-Webster: Noun

1. One that is placed under authority or control: such as

a: VASSAL

b(1): one subject to a monarch and governed by the monarch's law

(2): one who lives in the territory of, enjoys the protection of, and owes allegiance to a sovereign power or state

Adjective

: owing obedience or allegiance to the power or dominion of another

Verb

: to bring under control or dominion: SUBJUGATE

: to make (someone, such as oneself) amenable to the discipline and control of a superior

Submission: written by Charles Austin Miles (1868-1946)

The path that I have trod, has brought me nearer God,
though oft it led through sorrows gates.
Though not the way I'd choose, in my way I might lose,
the joy that yet for me awaits.

[Chorus]

Not what I wish to be, nor where I wish to go.
For who am I that I should choose my way.
The Lord will choose for me, 'tis better far I know.
So let him bid me go; or stay.

The cross that I must bear, if I a crown would wear,
is not the cross that I would take.
But since on me 'tis laid, I'll take it unafraid;
and bear it for the Master's sake.

Submission to the will, of Him who loves me still,
is surety of his love revealed.

My soul shall rise above this world in which I move;
I conquer only when I yield.

[Chorus]

Not what I wish to be, nor where I wish to go.

For who am I that I should choose my way.

The Lord will choose for me, 'tis better far I know.

So let him bid me go; or stay.

Chairman and Founder of Good New India

Section from his Letter written 8 May 2019 in Jail in Odisha, India:

“I’m still okay, still standing... albeit with a somewhat more - trusting- less agitated spirit. The winds are still howling, the fires of persecution are still raging against me, the floods are still threatening but I’m more at peace now...

I’ve been imprisoned now for almost 160 days

Lest you get the impression that I’m in total peace in jail and have my act altogether...NO! Odisha is almost at the bottom of India in most categories and I am in their prison system.

Each day I have to decide to make that day work and to conquer it in spite of the realities of life in jail; the deprivations, limitations, humiliations, restrictions and frustrations. My mantra: Endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ ... II Timothy 2:3

Never in my wildest imaginings did I see myself here at my age when all my classmates are retired and golfing, fishing, traveling or dead! And my fellow prisoners, who deeply love and respect me, all feel the same way too. They know all about me, for prison life has no secrets. They cannot fathom how I am here with my education, achievements and US citizenship. But it has pleased the father ...

However, the first still burns. Our best days are ahead. The cause --these kids--is ever present. This cause it is much bigger than us. The war will still rage on and the energy will not go away. But no, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

The imperative to “Go and make disciples ...” cannot be compromised. You do hold the ropes and I really am in the pits. Please don’t let go of the rope. There is an innocent child at the other end that you cannot see.

1500 have graduated and made it but we still have miles to go before we sleep.

In the words of II Corinthians 4:8 Good News India has been pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken struck down but not destroyed ...”

Pressing on for Jesus ... To bring to Him the rewards of His suffering.

His Slave,

Dr. Faiz Rahman

In 1502 King Henry of Bavaria became weavy of court life and determined to enter a monastery.

Prior Richard was the faithful monk who gave him instructions. He emphasized very strict rules of the order.

The king was eager and seemed to take pleasure at such complete consecration.

The prior emphasized obedience.

The monarch promised to obey.

The prior then said, "Then go back to your throne and do your duty in the station God assigned you."

So he took up the scepter of rule.

It was later said of him, "King Henry learned to govern by learning to obey."

The great missionary Judson wanted to go to India. God sent him to Burma instead where over 30,000 came to the Lord.

Livingston wanted to go to China. Went instead to Africa.

William Carey intended to go to the South Seas. Was sent instead to China.

DL Moody was being considered to be a city evangelist. One minister was against the invitation. He said, "Does he have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit?" There was silence for a moment. Then the reply came, "No. He does not have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit, what the Holy Spirit has is a monopoly of DL Moody."

Make me a captive, Lord
and then I shall be free;
force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be!
I sink in life's alarms,
when by myself I stand;
imprison me within Thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.'

James 4:8-10 (New King James Version)

'Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people]. Be miserable and grieve and weep [over your sin]. Let your [foolish] laughter be turned to mourning and your [reckless] joy to gloom. Humble yourselves [with an attitude of repentance and insignificance] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up, He will give you purpose]. '

James 4:8-10 (Amplified Bible)

Move your heart closer and closer to God, and he will come even closer to you. But make sure you cleanse your life, you sinners, and keep your heart pure and stop doubting. Feel the pain of your sin, be sorrowful and weep! Let your joking around be turned into mourning and your joy into deep humiliation. Be willing to be made low before the Lord and he will exalt you!

James 4:8-10 (Passion Translation)

Say a quiet *yes* to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.

James 4:8-10 (The Message)