

## **James 4:6-10**

### 7 Steps from the World: 1 Humility

*Grace for the humble ...*

#### I. The Heart of Humility

- A. Knowing God
- B. Knowing Self

#### II. Divine Discernment

- A. God and the Proud
- B. God and the Humble

#### III. Discerning Dispositions

- A. Fighters?
- B. Or Friends

*... begins on our knees.*

#### **Children, Listen ...**

1. When you think of the bigness and greatness of God, how do you feel?
2. How would you describe pride?
3. When we think of the greatness of God and the smallness and sinfulness or ourselves – does it make sense to be proud?
4. What does our verse say about God and the proud person?
5. What does our verse say God gives to the humble?

## **A Humble Estimation**

So much of the Christian life has to do with maintaining a realistic and humble assessment of ourselves. In fact, it would be fair to say that is one of the essentials of salvation on our side of things. When the Holy Spirit drives home to us the truth that we are small, sinful creatures living in the presence of the infinite, Holy God it, stands to reason that we would fall to our knees in humbled repentance. Pride needs to be broken in us before we will ever see our desperate need of grace through Christ. Unfortunately, even for true believers, our pride often manages to rear its ugly head in our lives and it can even so pervade us that it shapes our disposition toward God and man. While it may be exalted in the worldly mindset, pride is not an appealing character trait in the Kingdom of God. God opposes the proud but He gives grace to the humble. Which do you want? Which do you need? Where are you now? Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord.

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.