

God's Formula for Revival

James 4:1-17

Two Questions:

- #1 - Where do wars and fights come from among you?***
- #2 - Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?***

I. We Must Humble Ourselves before God.

v.6, *“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

A. Humble Ourselves.

1 Peter 5:6-7

*Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time,*

⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

II. Submit to God.

(V. 7a)

A. What does Submit mean?

“Thy will be done.”

Therefore, submit to God!

III. Resist the Devil.

(V. 7b)

A. Resist = 'Stand fast against.'

Eph. 4:27, *nor give place to the devil.*

He will flee from you!

1 Peter 5:9-10, *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

¹⁰Resist him, steadfast in the faith, *knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

IV. Draw near to God.

(V. 8a)

A. How to draw near to God?

By faith!

Heb. 10:21-22, and having a High Priest over the house of God,

²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

V. *Cleanse your hands & Purify your hearts / minds.*

A. *Cleansing and purifying. V. 8b*

Romans 12:12, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

²*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

2 Cor. 10:4-6, *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*

⁵*casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

⁶*and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*

VI. Lament and mourn and weep!

(V. 9)

A. Lament or be afflicted = Grieve.


Psalm 126:6, He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

B. What is the greatest need for the church today?


Revelation 3:17-18

'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked

¹⁸I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.



We need revival **personally!**
We need revival in our **Churches!**
We need revival in our **nation!**



Pray for Revival
Plead for our churches
Cry out for our nation before it is too late!