

**James 4:2 - 17 (NASB)** <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

<sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

<sup>13</sup>Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

<sup>14</sup>Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

<sup>15</sup>Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

### **How prayer works:**

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- *Wrong praying ("When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures," James 4:3.). When our praying is wrong, our whole Christian life is wrong. The purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on earth.*

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### **Matthew 6:5 - 13 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup>And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

<sup>6</sup>But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

<sup>7</sup>But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

<sup>8</sup>Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

<sup>9</sup>After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

<sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Your name. (be hallowed)**

**Your Kingdom (prevails)**

**Your will**

**Your power**

**Your glory**

## How the devil works:

The devil's tools are seductions of many kinds. He tried three of them on Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11):

1. The seduction of self-sufficiency (challenging Jesus to meet his own needs)
2. The seduction of self-importance (challenging Jesus to test God)
3. The seduction of power (challenging Jesus to exchange power over the world for submission to the devil).

## **Matthew 4:1 - 11 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.

<sup>2</sup>For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

<sup>3</sup>**During that time the devil<sup>ε</sup> came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."**

<sup>4</sup>**But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,  
'People do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'<sup>ε</sup>"**

<sup>5</sup>**Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,**

<sup>6</sup>**and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,**

**'He will order his angels to protect you.  
And they will hold you up with their hands  
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'<sup>ε</sup>"**

<sup>7</sup>**Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'<sup>ε</sup>"**

<sup>8</sup>**Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the kingdoms of the world and all their glory.**

<sup>9</sup>**"I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."**

<sup>10</sup>**"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,**

**'You must worship the LORD your God  
and serve only him.'**

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

## **1 John 2:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup>For all that *is* in the world:

- 1- the lust of the flesh
- 2- the lust of the eyes
- 3- the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

## **MONDAY MORNING MOMENT: Action Step**

"Purify your hearts!"

## **James 4:17 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup>Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

### **Genesis 3:1 - 13 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

<sup>2</sup>And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

<sup>3</sup>But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

<sup>4</sup>And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

<sup>5</sup>For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

<sup>6</sup>And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

<sup>7</sup>And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

<sup>10</sup>And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

<sup>11</sup>And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

<sup>12</sup>And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

- Adam was disobedient
- Eve was deceived

### **1 Timothy 2:14 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup>And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.