



MZBMP

**Title:** Wars and Fightings (part 2) - The Ten Commandments of Winning the War Against the World, The Flesh, and the Devil (4:6-10)

**Text:** James 4:6-10

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

*Pagsasalín:* 6 Ngunit siya'y nagbibigay ng higit pang biyaya. Kaya't sinasabi, Ang Diyos ay sumasalungat sa mga mapagmataas, subalit nagbibigay ng biyaya sa mga mapagpakumbaba. 7 Kaya't pasakop kayo sa Diyos, labanan ninyo ang diyablo, at siya ay lalayo sa inyo. 8 Lumapit kayo sa Diyos, at siya'y lalapit sa inyo. Maglinis kayo ng inyong mga kamay, mga makasalanan, at pabanalin ninyo ang inyong mga puso, kayong mga may dalawang pag-iisip. 9 Kayo'y managhoy, magluksa, at umiyak. Palitan ninyo ang inyong pagtawa ng pagluluksa, at ang inyong kagalakan ng kalungkutan. 10 Magpakumbaba kayo sa harapan ng Panginoon, at kanyang itataas kayo.

### **Introduction:**

1. Pastor James continues to expose the warfare of the Christian, only this time, he focuses on the “devil.” (The Christian’s Three Fold Enemies: The World-system; The Flesh; and the Devil)
2. He expounds on ten imperatives (or commands) in order to fight and win the Christian’s battle.

### **Ten Commandments of Fighting the World-System, The Flesh, and the Devil:**

Commandment #1 – “Submit yourselves to God” (v.7a) – to arrange under.

Commandment #2 – “Resist the Devil” (v.7b) – to set against, oppose.

Commandment #3 – “Draw nigh to God (v.8a) – to come near.

Commandment #4 – “Cleanse your hands” (v.8b) – to make clean.

Commandment #5 – “Purify your hearts” (v.8c) – to make pure or clean, or moral.

Commandment #6 – “Be afflicted” (v.9) – to endure hardship misery.

Commandment #7 – “mourn” – to lament to be made sorrowful.

Commandment #8 – “weep” – as a sign of pain, bewail.

Commandment #9 – “let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness” – to turn around.

Commandment #10 – “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord” – to place down before.

### **Observations:**

1. God’s commands are never optional. They are to be obeyed.
2. What God commands, He expect present tense obedience-response. A sense of urgency. Right now.
3. To disobey God is to be in trouble.
4. There is no sense resisting the Devil without first submitting yourself to God.
5. The Devil is to be resisted – but sin is to be avoided. Many Christians resist sin – then they fall into sin.  
We are never commanded to resist or fight sin – we are to flee sin.
6. Hollywood (the World-system) perverts resisting the Devil. – in movies or shows, when the Devil shows up, people flee. IN the BIBLE, when the Devil shows up the Christian is to submit himself to God and resist the Devil and the one fleeing is the Devil.
7. Commandments #4 and #5 are a chiasm. The sinner is also the double-minded (A Christian who is two faced or literally, two souled – struggling between God and the Enemies). The solution is to Clean hands (outward behavior) and Purify hearts (inward attitude and/or affections).
8. Commandments #6, 7, 8, are a triplet – be afflicted, mourn, and weep – outward manifestation of inward realities.
9. Commandment #9 – there is a need to stop being light-hearted about sin and to be turned into some serious and sobering and sorrowful repentance.
10. Commandment #10 – circles back to v.6 – the importance of humility.