* **Take James’ Spiritual “To-Do” Quiz Within.**

***7Submit*** *yourselves, then, to God.* ***Resist*** *the devil, and he will flee from you.****8Come near*** *to God and he will come near to you.****Wash*** *your hands, you sinners, and* ***purify*** *your hearts, you double-minded.****9****Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.****10Humble*** *yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.* James 4:7-10

* **Avoid Judgmentalism and SLANDER Toward Others.**

***11****Brothers and sisters,* ***do not slander*** *one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sisteror judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.****12****There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to* ***judge your neighbor****?*  James 4:11-12

* **In All Things, SEEK God’s Will.**

***13****Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.”****14****Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.****15****Instead, you ought to say, “****If it is the Lord’s will,****we will live and do this or that.”****16****As it is, you* ***boast in your arrogant schemes****. All such boasting is evil.****17****If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it,* ***it is sin*** *for them.* James 4:13-17

* **God Removes The “Grey”-> “DO” The Good Or It’s Credited As Sin.**

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**HOW TO AVOID STUNTING MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH…**

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*Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be* ***mature and complete****, not lacking anything.*  James 1:4

* **Identify The SOURCE of Conflict Within Myself.**

*What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your* ***desires******that battle within*** *you?****2****You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but* ***you cannot get what you want****, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.****3****When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with* ***wrong motives****, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*  James 4:1-3

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**KEY: Conflict Always Identifies Our Internal Weaknesses.**

*A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

Proverbs 15:1

* **Identify My Worldly PRIORITIES.**

***4****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.****5****Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?****6****But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*  James 4:4-6