



Recovering from Spiritual Adultery!

December 17, 2023 – James 4:1-10
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Marks of Spiritual Adultery

1. They create **division** because they don't **get** what they want.
2. They do not sincerely **depend** on God to meet their needs.
3. They cozy up the philosophies and practices of this world **over** the Kingdom of God.

Marks of a Great God!

1. God loves you too much to just leave you **alone!**
2. God's **grace** is shockingly great!

Steps to Recover from Spiritual Adultery!

1. Be willing to place yourself under the **authority** of God!
2. Resist the **temptation** to flirt with worldly philosophies and practices knowing that the enemy of your soul is behind it!
3. Actively **pursue** the Lord!
4. **Repent** of your adultery!

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some common worldly philosophies or practices that believers flirt with?
2. What are some ways that you have committed spiritual adultery?
3. What is so shocking to you about God’s grace?
4. What are some practical ways you can place yourself under the authority of God?
5. What are some practical ways you can resist the Devil?
6. What are some practical ways you can draw near to God?
7. What action are you going to take as a result of what God’s Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

December 2023 (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 24)			
Week 1 Starting Dec 4	Week 2 Starting Dec 11	Week 3 Starting Dec 18	Week 4 Starting Dec 25
Day 1: Hebrews 4-6	Day 1: James 4-5	Day 1: 1 John 3-5	Day 1: Revelation 10-12
Day 2: Hebrews 7-8	Day 2: 1 Peter 1-2	Day 2: 2 John; 3 John	Day 2: Revelation 13-15
Day 3: Hebrews 9-10	Day 3: 1 Peter 3-5	Day 3: Revelation 1-3	Day 3: Revelation 16-17
Day 4: Hebrews 11-13	Day 4: 2 Peter 1-3, Jude	Day 4: Revelation 4-6	Day 4: Revelation 18-20
Day 5: James 1-3	Day 5: 1 John 1-2	Day 5: Revelation 7-9	Day 5: Revelation 21-22
⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.			
James 4:6-8 (NIV)			

What action are you going to take as a result of what God’s Word teaches?