



James 4:1-17

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Alta Vista Baptist Church



“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”—James 4:10

☐ This week’s Life Hack: Fill a condiment bottle with icing!



James 4:1-6

- ⊙ Conflict begins in your heart (vs. 1) – Romans 7:18-25
- ⊙ Mind, Murder, Motives (vs. 2-3)
- ⊙ Friendship with the world vs. friendship with God (vs. 4-6)

“If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but *I have chosen you out of the world.* That is why the world hates you.”— John 15:19 ***

LIFE HACK #1 God Desires ALL Of You.

*** Trust God COMPLETELY! He will RAISE you up. ***

James 4:7-12

- ⊙ 10 Commandments of James (vs. 7-10)
(Proverbs 3:34, 1 Peter 5:5-9)

▪ Submit	▪ Grieve
▪ Resist	▪ Mourn
▪ Come Near	▪ Wail
▪ Wash	▪ Change
▪ Purify	▪ Humble
- ⊙ Humility in speech (vs. 11-12)

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you...— Matthew 7:1-5

LIFE HACK #2 Submit Your Mind, Heart, Voice, And Life To Jesus. (Place yourself under the LORDSHIP of Christ!)

James 4:13-17

Seven Ways Faith Perseveres (Pt. #1 & #2)

- ⊙ 1) “DEO VOLENTE” (vs. 13-15)
 - ☐ Humbleness in midst of God’s Sovereignty
- ⊙ 2) The Sin of Omission (vs. commission) (vs. 17)
 - ☐ Obedience to God’s Will

LIFE HACK #3 If It Is God’s WILL Don’t Fight It!



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1:** Who is your “BFF”? Why is that person important to you?
- Q2:** Share about a time you could tell a conflict began in your heart.
- Q3:** Explain what it means to be a “friend of the world”? (Romans 12:2)
- Q4:** Practically speaking, what does it mean to submit to God and resist the Devil?
- Q5:** How can planning for the future be wise? How can it be sinful? What’s the difference?
- Q6:** Why are sins of omission so much easier to downplay than sins of commission? What are specific struggles in your life in terms of scriptural commands you tend to ignore?
- Q7:** Read 1 Peter 5:5-11. How does this passage call Christians to repentance and change?
- Q8:** Read Luke 10:30-37. Thinking about this clear example of a sin of omission, share an example of a time you “passed by.” In what ways do you need to repent of this sin? In what ways will you act differently next time?

People sometimes speak of sins of commission and sins of omission. Sins of commission are those sinful actions that are proactively done. Lying or stealing are examples of sins of commission. A sin of omission is a sin that takes place because of *not* doing something that is right. Examples could include not praying, not standing up for what is right, or not sharing Christ with others.