

## Discussion Questions

What makes submission to God so challenging?

List 3 particular areas of your life which are the most difficult to yield to God?

What areas in a man's life are particularly under attack by the devil?

How can we draw near to God?

What sin in your life needs to be confessed and forsaken?

How can we develop greater sensitivity to and hatred of sin?

What steps can we take to grow in humility?

## The Prodigal's Return

*James 4:7-10*

### **The decision to return (7).**

After a scolding rebuke to believers who were mired in strife and flirting with worldliness, James offers a simple solution. If you want to see your right relationship with God restored, then submit yourself to Him. Instead of embracing worldly passions and desires, resist the god of this world and resolve to obey the God of the universe.

### **The steps to return (8-10).**

Submitting to God is more than simply making a decision; it requires a life of active obedience. James details four important acts of obedience we must make as we return to a right relationship with God.

*Draw near*

*Desire purity*

*Demonstrate repentance*

*Develop humility*