

**James 4**  
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How is Godly Wisdom evident in a person?

Godly Wisdom is not evident by the source, but only through the characteristics seen in a person

- 3v17 - The characteristics evident in people with Godly Wisdom
- Pure
  - Peaceable
  - Gentle
  - Reasonable
  - Full of Mercy
  - Full of good fruits
  - Unwavering
  - Without hypocrisy

Example  
Of a person with Godly Wisdom

You will see evidences of this.....

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, Love your neighbor as yourself."  
(Mathew 22:37-40)

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We Ask in prayer!  
James 1:5

Our desires for personal fulfillment and satisfaction is the root of worldliness and broken fellowship

People surrender to their fleshly pleasures under the delusion of expressing "my personal freedom" not knowing they are proving that they are "slaves to their desires!"

5If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

The whole world system is in conflict with the ways of God

1 John 2:15-16  
Do Not Love the World

v3 - If we ask with the wrong motives

If we ask with the right motives

Our human desires ("pleasures") are contrary to God's desires because they take precedent over our loyalty to God

**Romans 7:22-25**  
22For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Bottom line - True wisdom (beginning with the Fear of the Lord) is totally opposite from selfishness (begins with fear of me, awe of me, respect of me, concern for me)

15Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

Because our focus is on our desires....  
- Fleshly desires  
- Worldly desires  
- Deceived by the Devil

We receive Godly Wisdom

James says - this is WAR (James 4:2) !!!!  
- Romans 7:22 -25  
- James 1:14-15

Examples:

World's Way.....	God's Way.....
Live for today.....	Live for the Great Day
Follow your heart.....	Obey the Word
Put yourself first.....	First will be last
Seek to be served.....	Live to serve others
Be Happy!.....	Be Holy!
Career first.....	Live for the glory of God
Love your own.....	Love your enemies
Seek material things.....	Seek first the kingdom

The Shorter Catechism  
The Purpose of Life  
"The chief purpose of life is to glorify God"

We do not receive Godly wisdom because God loves us too much to give it to us!

Example of asking with right motives  
The "Model Prayer"

v2 : Human "totally selfish" desires:  
of Lust..... leads to murder (meaning "hate")  
1 John 3:15

**James 1:14-15**  
14but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

When the lusting person cannot achieve his desired goals - whether its for reputation, prestige, sexual gratification, money, power, escape thru drugs or alcohol, success, possessions, the affections of another person - the result is often catastrophic to others and always destructive to oneself. Even when they were struck blind by the angels in Lot's house, the men of Sodom were so obsessed with their perverted lust that, ignoring their blindness, they continued groping for the door in a vain attempt to gain entrance and satisfy their unrelenting passions.

Not asking God...  
- We look elsewhere for the answer, many times within. We look to our self sufficiency, our wisdom, our power, our diligence... or we don't go to God because we don't truly and honestly believe in James 1:17 -- and we have not because we ask not!

Our (not MY) Father  
Who is in Heaven  
Holy is your name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done

of Envy..... leads to quarrels and coveting

**1 John 3:15**  
15Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

And then..... we make our requests....

Consider how our thought life (inward part of us - the INTERNAL WAR) leads to bad actions (outward deeds or quarreling/ coveting - the EXTERNAL WAR) -- Our thought life is key

Our focus is on our own SELFISH and PRIDEFUL desires

Leads to not asking God for Godly Wisdom or asking with wrong motives

1. Focus on the KINGDOM
2. THEN, we make our requests

# James 4 4:5-10

When Christians follow the ways of the world

v4 - One commits SPIRITUAL ADULTERY against God when he/she chooses to love the world

What is the World?  
It is not the physical earth or universe, but the man centered, satan directed system of this present age which is hostile to God and His people

You either love God or love the World - - there is no middle ground !

Jesus

John 15:18-19  
The World Hates the Disciples  
18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 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.

Galatians 6:14  
14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Romans 12:2  
2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 8:6-9 (New International Version)  
6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.  
9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

Paul

John

v5 - The Spirit who dwells within us jealousy yearns and desires our total devotion

It is only when the things of the world are no longer admired and sought, when self concern is replaced with concern for God's glory, that God's Spirit can work His Sovereign and gracious will in a heart, changing it from being an enemy to being a friend.

v6 - And God gives us SOMETHING to help His people resist the World and stay loyal to Him!

Proverbs 3:34 - 34 He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.

To the PROUD man, God "opposes him"

Why? Because pride is the root of all sin

Jeremiah 3:8  
8 I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery.

Zechariah 8:2  
"This is what the LORD Almighty says: "I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her."

Many psychologists say "Look within to find the answer!" But James says, the answer IS NOT within. THE PROBLEM is within (our hearts). The answer is that we must look to the gift of GRACE from God

In effect, you can no more spiritually have 2 gods in your life (Christ and the world) than you can legally have 2 wives in your life !!!

A GREATER GRACE is greater than worldliness.... This is how we overcome worldliness !

"my circumstances are hard" - God gives a greater GRACE  
"my temptations are too strong" - God gives a greater GRACE  
"my challenge is overwhelming" - God gives a greater GRACE  
"I am too weak" - God gives a greater GRACE  
"I need help" - God gives a greater GRACE

To the HUMBLE man, God gives "A GREATER GRACE"

Why? Because humility is the root of all righteousness

The war against worldliness begins with recognizing we are weaponless except for the GREATER GRACE OF GOD

Matthew 23:12  
12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

With this GRACE, comes RESPONSIBILITY !

10 RESPONSIBILITIES !

The 10 responsibilities of repentance when you follow the ways of the world.....  
But the God who says "Here is my grace to receive" says in the same breath, "here are my commands to obey...."

Submit to God - v7 / Resist the devil - v7 / Draw near to God - v8 / Cleanse your hands -v8 / Purify your hearts -v8 / Be Miserable-v9 / Mourn and weep-v9 / Laughter to mourning-v9 / Joy to gloom-v9 / Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord-v10

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In Person

"But God gives a "GREATER GRACE"

In Song / Poetry

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Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

"He Giveth More Grace"

Sung to the tune of "We Gather Together"

"He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength as our labors increase;  
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

**All we need to overcome  
worldliness is available  
by God's Greater Grace**

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"What God Hath Promised"

Sung to the tune of "Blessed Assurance"

"God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

Refrain

But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know  
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us we shall not bear  
Many a burden, many a care.

Refrain

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,  
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;  
Never a mountain rocky and steep,  
Never a river turbid and deep."

Refrain

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"Great Grace"

His grace is great enough to meet the great things,  
The crashing waves that overwhelm the soul,  
The roaring winds that leave us stunned and  
breathless,  
The sudden storms beyond our life's control.  
His grace is great enough to meet the small  
things,  
The little pin-prick troubles that annoy,  
The insect worries, buzzing and persistent,  
The squeaking wheels that grate upon our joy.

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"Grace Sufficient"

So many burdened lives along the way!  
My load seems lighter than the most I see,  
And oft I wonder if I could be brave,  
Patient and sweet if they were laid on me.

But God has never said that He would give  
Another's grace without another's thorn;  
What matter, since for every day of mine  
Sufficient grace for me comes with the morn'?

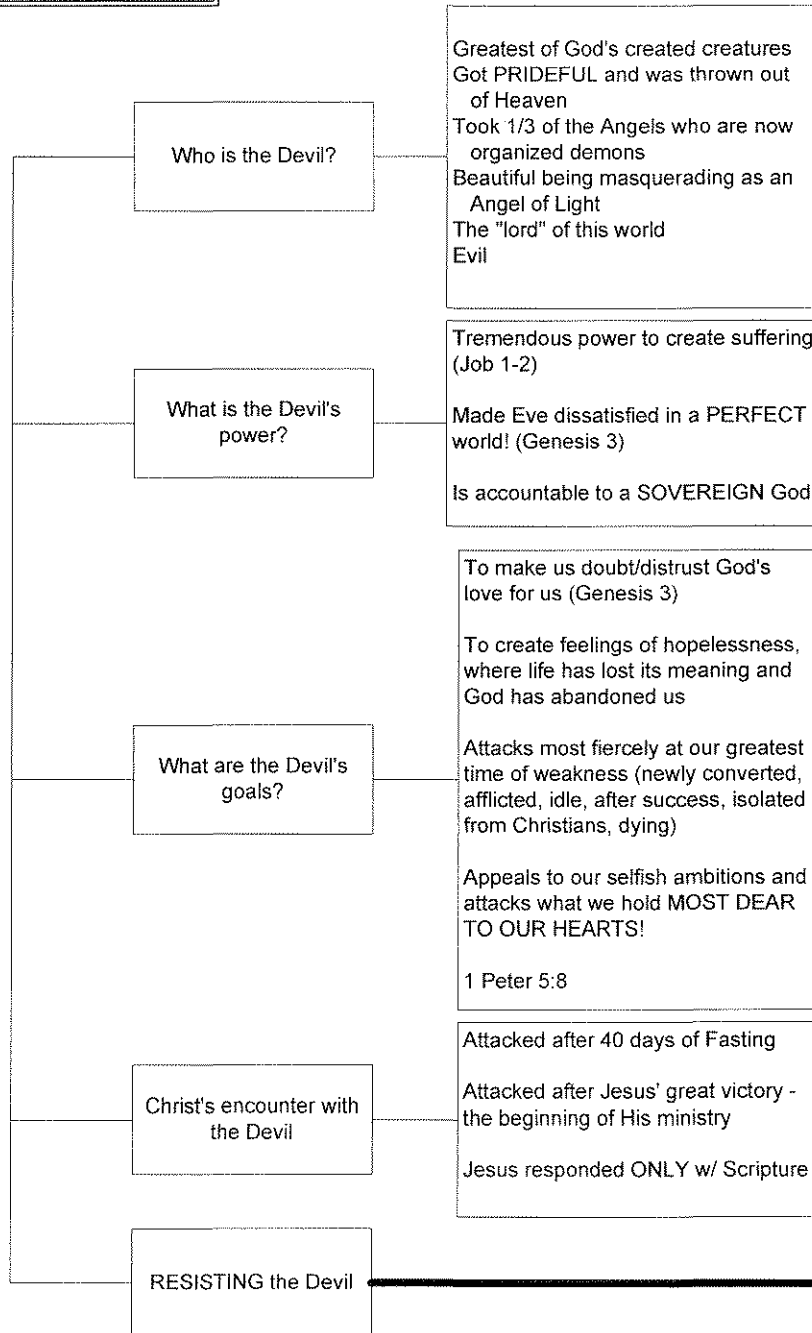
And though the future brings some heavier cross  
I need not cloud the present with my fears;  
I know the grace that is enough today  
Will be sufficient still through all the years.

## Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

- Born on Christmas Eve - 1866 as Annie Johnson in NJ
- Mother died when she was 3 yrs old
- Taken in by the Flints, a true Christian family, and chose their name as their father got sick and gave her and her sister up. He later died of this incurable disease.
- She grew up a cheerful, optimistic, very sensitive and generous person. As well as extremely impatient, working with dogged persistence to finish any task. Learning patience was her hardest lesson. She was quick to temper, but it didn't last, and she learned the secret of grace to overcome.
- She finished high school and 2 yrs later, arthritis attacked her body. After 1 more yr. of work, she was forced to quit, followed by 3 yrs of increasing helplessness.
- Both foster parents both passed away and she received the doctors verdict that she would be a helpless invalid the rest of her life.
- She began to write poetry to give herself solace in the long hours of suffering. Her poetry, written with twisted fingers, was beautiful and although written from the bed of affliction, in great pain, always had a touch of refreshing humor.
- Her disease and crippled body worsened over time but her faith in the goodness and mercy of God never wavered.
- For more than 40 yrs she suffered with agonizing pain!
- She died in 1932

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Ephesians 6:10-18

The Armor of God

10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

3For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

1 Peter 5:8-9

8Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

**KEY - EPHESIANS 6:12 / 2 Corinth 10:3-4**

We need the "weapons of warfare" - **PRAYER & The WORD**

1. Put on the full armor of God to resist the devil's schemes (Eph 6:10-18)
2. Self controlled/Alert (1Pet 5:8)
3. **RESIST!** (1 Pet 5:9)
4. Stand firm in the faith(1 Pet 5:9)
5. You are not alone (1 Pet 5:9)

# James 4

4:6-10

The way to the good life in the battle of worldliness!  
How to resist temptation and battle worldliness

When GRACE invades our lives, the battle is not over -- it's only beginning... The grace has been given for the battle !!!!!

(Note: MacArthur sees these as steps to salvation for the unbeliever - not as a way to overcome worldliness of the Believer... This page's focus, however, is for Christian's response to worldliness

v6 - God gives grace to the HUMBLE

v10 - Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will exalt you (back into fellowship with Him).

Example - Luke 18:10-14  
Luke 5:1-8 / Isaiah 6:1-8 / 2 Chronicles 7:14

The laughter and joy as a result of the "worldliness" of the first 4 verses

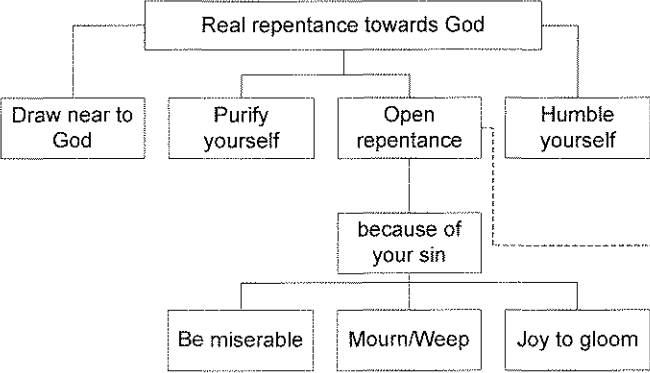
v9 - Let your joy be turned to gloom

v9 - Let your laughter be turned into mourning

Luke 6:25 - Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

v9 - Mourn and weep

The outward expression of misery  
Example - Peter - Matt 26:31-35 / 69-75; Psalm 6:6 / Matt 5:4



2 Corinthians 7:10  
10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Ephesians 2:1-3  
Made Alive in Christ  
1As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

"We are as close to Christ as we choose to be."  
- Yet, we, the church, are the "bride of Christ" and must be close to the bridegroom, Christ

We draw near to God first, and then purify - - we don't attempt to clean up our life first !

v8 - Cleanse your hands, you sinners  
Stop doing your bad actions and deeds!  
(Hands are on our "outside" - so this represents "outward" sins)

Origin of this idea was in the Jewish ceremonial prescription for priests before they came b4 the Lord to offer sacrifices in the Temple.  
Isaiah 1:15-16 - When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; 16 wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong,

v8 - Purify your hearts you double minded  
Address your inward thoughts and heart issues  
(The heart is on our "inside" - so this represents "inward" sins)

v9 - Be miserable  
An inner feeling of shame over sin !  
Example - is the person who is "poor in Spirit"

"There is a vital connection between soul distress and sound doctrine. Sovereign grace is dear to those who have groaned deeply because they see what grievous sinners they are "  
Spurgeon

v7 - Resist the devil  
(If you submit to God - - you resist the lord of this world)

James - "Resist" - James 4:7  
Paul - "Resist" - Eph. 6:10-17  
Peter - "Resist" - 1 Peter 5:9  
Jesus - "Resisted" by quoting Scripture - Matt 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

v7 - Submit to God  
Put yourself under the authority of God (Rom 10:9-10) or you have, by default chosen the "lord of this world" as your lord. (Eph 2:1-3)

Surrender your will to God's will !

v8 - Draw near to God  
a - Read the Prodigal son as a story of humbly turning to God and He will turn to you  
b - Steps to drawing near to God:  
- Studying the Word/ - Prayer - / Attending Services/ - Christian fellowship

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Don't slander a Christian Brother  
4v8-12

James is saying that destructive speech is actually a sign of self centered, self focused, un-humbled worldliness. The only answer is God's grace to change the heart.

The first act of slander in human history led directly to the first sin:

satan slanders God's integrity (Gen 3v1 - "Indeed has God said.....")

satan slanders God's motives (Gen 3v5 - "God knows when you eat it, you will be like God..")

The slanderer destroys friendships

Proverbs 16:28  
28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:9  
9 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

The slanderer inflicts deep wounds

Proverbs 18:8  
8 The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

Proverbs 26:22  
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The slanderer can destroy people

Proverbs 11:9  
9 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.

The slanderer stirs up contention

Proverbs 26:20  
20 Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down

The slanderer spreads strife

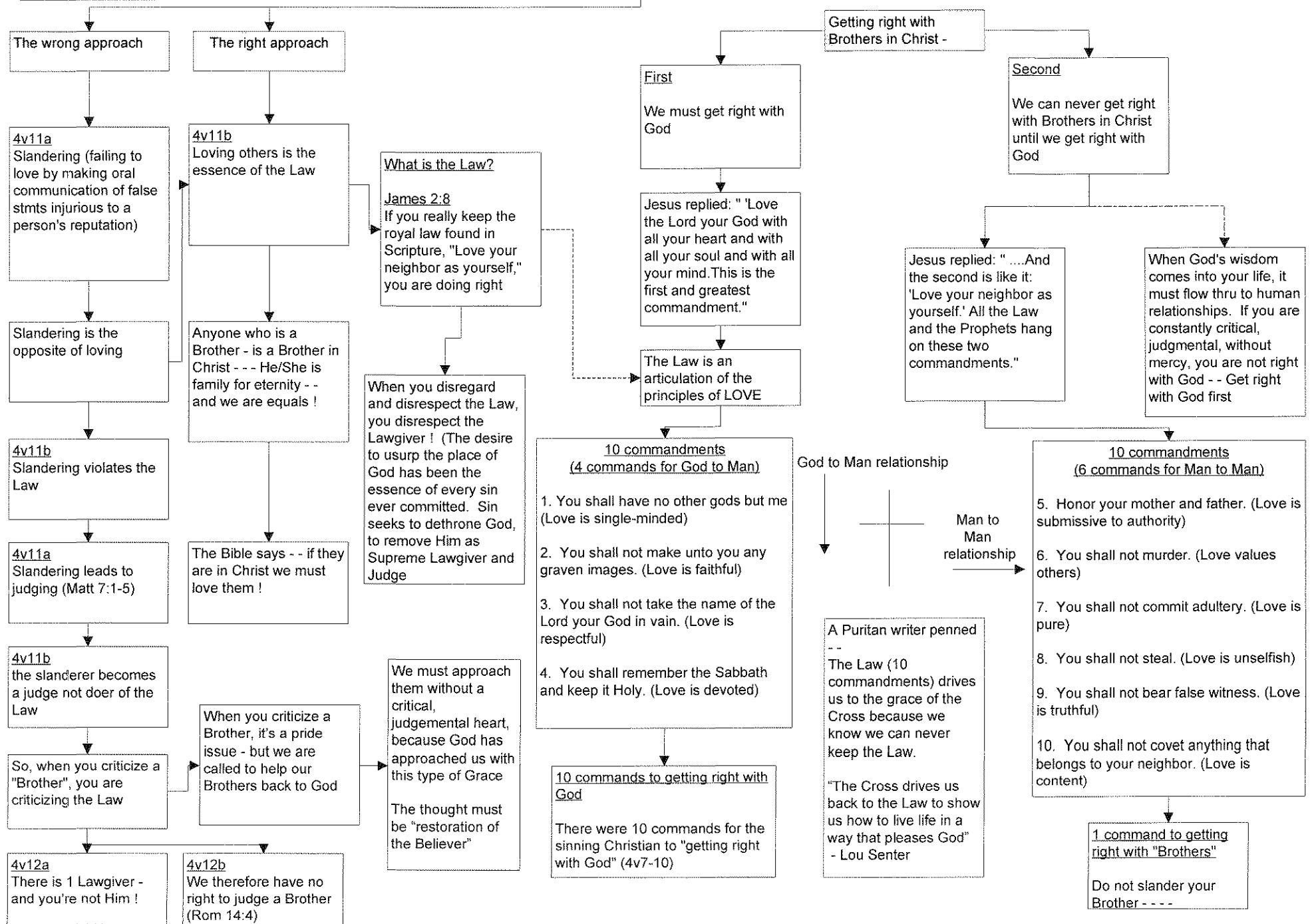
Proverbs 6:16,19  
16 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:  
  
19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Slanderers are fools

Proverbs 10:18  
18 He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

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As a Christian GRACED BY GOD who understands the 10 Responsibilities toward GOD, we also have a responsibility toward MAN

DO NOT DO .....because it shows no humility, meekness, gentleness - - it does show Wisdom from BELOW (3v15)

DO NOT slander or judge a Christian Brother (4v11-12)

DO NOT arrogantly plan (4v13-17)

DO NOT be wickedly rich (5v1-6)

DO NOT complain against a Christian Brother (5v9)

DO.....

BE PATIENT !!!  
5v7

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DO NOT arrogantly plan  
(4v13)

In James day, the economy was booming and businessmen were making money in lot of new trades

If your desires within you (4v1) is what you choose to follow and you leave God out of the planning process - - you have an arrogant heart and plan arrogantly!

4v13 - The 5 presumptions of the businessman  
Choose own time.....today/tomorrow  
Choose own location.....this or that city  
Choose own duration.....1 year  
Choose own enterprise.....carry on business  
Choose own goal.....to make a profit

Similar to satan's 5 "I will's" (Isaiah 14:13-14)  
Expressing his desire for the place of supremacy.

- I will ascend to heaven
- I will raise my throne above the stars of God
- I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north
- I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
- I will make myself like the Most High

Luke 12:16-21

Proverbs 27:1

Luke 12:16-21  
16And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18"Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' 20"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Proverbs 27:21 (Praise can lead to arrogance)  
21 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.

Isaiah 14:13-14  
13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

Luke 12:16  
Who made the ground? / Who made the rain? / Who made the crop?  
The underlined words in the Luke 12:16-21 passage make no reference to God in the man's plans - - - The man only considered his own thoughts This is arrogant planning...

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When we arrogantly plan, a "true view of life" is not taken into account

When we arrogantly plan, a "true view of God" is not taken into account

4v14 - You don't even know what will happen tomorrow

4v14 - Your life is a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes

4v15a - What we ought to say is "if the Lord wills, we will live.."

4v15b - What we ought to say is, if the Lord wills... we will do this or that

have you spent more time thinking about earthly or heavenly retirement?

Job 14:1-2  
Psalm 90:10  
Psalm 103:15-16

The duration of our lives is in the hands of God

The activities and accomplishments of our lives are in God's hands

You are operating your business life separately from your spiritual life - and this is presuming on God - - you cannot do this in any aspect of your life - business, spiritual, financial, personal, social

**Job 14:1-2**  
1 "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.  
2 He springs up like a flower and withers away; like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.  
**Psalm 90:10**  
10 The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.  
**Psalm 103:15-16**  
15 As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

**Matt 16:26**  
26What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

It is arrogant not to believe in our heart and confess with our lips that how long we live and what we accomplish are ultimately in the hands of God

Know this - - what the Lord's will is for us - - is what is best for us ! Seek His will for our lives ! Why? Because that's what Christ did !!!

The example of Christ:  
**Matthew 26:36-42 - Gethsemane**  
36Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." 40Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." 42He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."  
**Matthew 6:10**  
10your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
**Matthew 12:50**  
50For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."  
**John 5:30**  
30By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.  
**John 4:34**  
34"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

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DO NOT arrogantly plan (4v13-17)

4v16 - "As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil"  
  
Explanation - Arrogant planning leads to boasting

4v17 - "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."  
  
Explanation - If you know you should seek the Lord on an issue, and you choose not to do so, and the Lord's input would have resulted in a different course of action.....

When we don't have a true view of life or a true view of God - we are arrogant - when arrogant, we are boastful, and when boastful - WE SIN...

this is a true evidence of worldliness - a lack of humility!

Luke 12:47-48  
  
47"That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

And we have sinned (the sin of omission!) Have we thought about how we have sinned by what we haven't done, as the Lord commands?  
  
Luke 12:47-48

Boasting is evil

If you leave God out of your plans, you are evil !

Proverbs 27:1  
  
Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth

Conclusion

Proverbs 3:5-6  
  
5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.