

“The Christian’s Double-Life”

Lesson Text: **James 4:7.**

I. A Christian Must Submit And Resist.

- **James 4:7-** Submission To God’s Authority And Will For Us Is A Must!
 - Resistance To God’s Ways Is Futile & Counter-productive To Us. **Acts 9:5; 26:14.**
 - Anything But Total Surrender And Humble Submission To God Is Foolish!
 - *“With God we may not strive: But to bow down the willing neck, And bear the yoke, is wise; To kick against the pricks will prove A perilous emprise.”* —Pind. Pyth. ii. 173.
- **James 4:7-** But Resistance Is Commanded By God In Reference Of The Devil.
 - It Is What Jesus, Our Example Did In **Matthew 4:1-10.**
 - Resistance Means Not Giving The Devil Any Ground- **Ephesians 4:27.**
 - Resistance Means Being Properly Equipped- **Ephesians 6:11-12.**
 - Resistance Means Being On Guard, On The Alert! **1 Peter 5:8-9.**

II. A Christian Must Love And Hate.

- **Hebrews 1:9,** Speaks Of Jesus, Our Perfect Example & Pattern.
- What Should The Christian Love?
 - Every Christian Needs To Develop A Deep Love For What Is Right, Good, & Proper...
 - Love For God- **Matthew 22:37-38;** Love For God’s Word- **Psalm 119:111-113.**
Love For Our Brethren- **1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:16;** Love For Your Neighbor- **Matthew 22:39.**
Love For Your Enemies- **Romans 12:19-21.**
- What Should The Christian Hate?
 - The Things God Hates- **Proverbs 6:16-19; 8:13.**
 - Hate Sin & Every Evil Way- **Romans 12:9; Psalm 119:128.**

III. A Christian Must Remember And Forget.

- What Must Christians Remember?
 - The Gospel- **1 Corinthians 15:1-2.**
 - Remember The Death Of Christ- **1 Corinthians 11:24-25.**
 - Remember Who We Are In Christ- **Ephesians 2:11-13.**
- What Must Christians Forget?
 - The Things We Have Left Behind- **Philippians 3:13-14.**
 - Forgetting Past Offenses By Others In Forgiveness- **Luke 17:3.**

IV. A Christian Must Stand And Flee.

- When Should Christians Stand? **Philippians 1:27; 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:15.**
- When Should Christians Flee? **2 Timothy 2:22-23.**

V. A Christian Must Approve And Rebuke.

- What Should Christians Approve? **Philippians 1:10-11; Romans 16:10.**
- What Should We Disapprove Of In Rebuke? **1 Timothy 5:20; Galatians 2:11-12.**