**How to Deal with Desires**James 4:1-10

Introduction: Genesis 3:1-6

**I. How You Do It Wrong - v1-3**

A. The “D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” way - v2.

1. No matter what you obtain, it never really satisfies. Why?

2. The “something” that replaces God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. How do you fill the emptiness? - v3

1. Why doesn’t God answer some prayers?

2. Two criteria for answered prayers are - II Corinthians 12:8-10 & Romans 8:28.

**II. Why You Do It Wrong - v4-6.**

A. The surface cause: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v4.

B. The root cause: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v5-6. The choices you have for living life:

1. P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 3:34.

**III. How To Do It Right - v7-10**

A. The Five Steps to returning to a victorious life in Christ!

1. Step # 1: S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God - v7.

a. Submit = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b. If Jesus is to be your savior, He’s got to be your

L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well!

2. Step # 2: R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the devil - v7.

a. Who is the prince of this world? - Ephesians 2:2

b. I Peter 5:8-9.

c. God’s promise: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Step # 3: C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God - v8.

4. Step # 4: W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v8.

a. The priests’ preparation.

b. Your preparation.

5. Step # 5: G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by repenting - v9.

B. So - if you want real victory in your life.

1. Change \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Forsake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Give up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.