

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.