



Old Cliché :You may get what you want but not want what you get!

➤ GETTING WHAT I WANT AND WANTING WHAT I GET GOD'S WAY

1. _____.

You want things, but you don't get them. So you kill and are jealous of others. But you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. You don't get what you want because you don't ask God. **James 4:2** (ERV)

2. _____.

And if you do ask, you won't receive it for you're asking with corrupt motives, seeking only to fulfill your own selfish desires **James 4:3** (VOICE)

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...I taught you to remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'You will have a greater blessing when you give than when you receive.'" **Acts 20:35b** (ERV)

3. _____.

You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don't you know that flirting with the world's values places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy! **James 4:3** (VOICE)

Look! Listen! GOD's arm is not amputated--he can still save. GOD's ears are not stopped up--he can still hear. ² There's nothing wrong with God; the wrong is in you. Your wrongheaded lives caused the split between you and God. Your sins got between you so that he doesn't hear. **Isaiah 59:1,2** (MP)

Everything good comes from God. Every perfect gift is from him. These good gifts come from the Father who made all the lights in the sky. But God never changes like the shadows from those lights. He is always the same. **James 1:17** (ERV)

4. _____.

And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "He's a fiercely jealous lover." **James 4: 5** (MP)

...they traded the truth of God for a lie. They worshiped and served the things God made rather than the God who made all things... **Romans 1:25** (TPT)

➤ HOW TO MOVE FROM ADULTERY TO FAITHFULNESS.

1. _____.

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. **James 4:6** (NIV)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. **James 4:10** (NIV)

2. _____.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **James 4:7b** (NIV)

The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need. **John 10:10** (NOG)

3. _____.

Submit yourselves, then, to God... **James 4:7a** (NIV)

Submitting to God involves ...

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Let there be tears for the wrong you have done...sorrow and sincere grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, gloom instead of joy. **James 4:9** (TLB)

The kind of sorrow God wants makes people change their hearts and lives. This leads to salvation, and you cannot be sorry for that. But the kind of sorrow the world has brings death. **2 Corinthians 7:10** (NCV)

• _____ - **"Wash your hands you sinners..."**

So when you stretch out your hands <in prayer>, I will turn my eyes away from you. Even though you offer many prayers, I will not listen because your hands are covered with blood. "Wash yourselves! Become clean! Get your evil deeds out of my sight. Stop doing evil. Learn to do good... **Isaiah 1:15-17** (GWT)

• _____ **"and purify your hearts, you double-minded."**

Even now, turn back your heart and rededicate yourselves to Me; Show Me your repentance by fasting, weeping, and mourning.¹³ Rip the wickedness out of your hearts; don't just tear your clothing... **Joel 2:12, 13** (VOICE)

Trust the LORD and do good. Live in the land and feed on truth. Enjoy serving the LORD, and he will give you what you want. Depend on the LORD; trust him, and he will take care of you. **Psalms 37:3-5** (NCV)