

**THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE**  
**“A Spiritual Diagnostic”**  
**James 4:1-6**

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Today is day 29 of the 30-day prayer challenge. As we've been praying, we have been occasionally reminded of the need to repent of our sinful ways. There is a relationship between prayer and repentance. From time-to-time we need to do a spiritual house-cleaning by taking a look at ourselves in the mirror and clean up our act. Are there indicators in my behavior which demonstrate that my walk with the Lord isn't what it should be? Does my behavior reveal that there are things that I need to repent of? Today's teaching will answer these questions.

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**INDICATOR #1: YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ LOOK LIKE A \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 1-2**

- A. You fight and quarrel with one another
- B. You don't get your desires fulfilled
- C. You kill & covet

**INDICATOR #2: YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ IS OUT OF CONTROL, vv. 1-2**

- A. Your fights are caused by your desires that battle within, Jam 1:14-15
- B. You desire to have things your way
- C. Your fights indicate a grieving of the Spirit, Gal 5:14-16

**INDICATOR #3: YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ ARE DRIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_ CONCERNS, vv. 2-3**

- A. You don't pray enough
- B. You don't receive because your motives are wrong
- C. Your prayers are hedonistic

**INDICATOR #4: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_ LACKS \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 4-5**

- A. Your friendship with the world is spiritual adultery
- B. Your friendship with the world is enmity with God, 1 Jn 2:15-16,
- C. Your friendship with the world is being an enemy of God
- D. God is a jealous God, Exo 34:14

**INDICATOR #5: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS HINDERED BY \_\_\_\_\_, v. 6**

- A. God is always close to the humble in heart, Isa 66:2
- B. God opposes pridefulness – self-will
- C. God gives grace to the humble

**NOTES:**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Have you ever been in a situation where people were always fighting and quarreling? If so, what was it like?
- #2. What does James mean by “desires”?
- #3. Discuss the difference between valid desires and selfish desires.
- #4. How does Galatians 5:16-17 shed light on this discussion?
- #5. Discuss the defective nature of the prayer life James is describing.
- #6. When does prayer become selfish?
- #7. How should Christians relate to the world?
- #8. Why is friendship with the world so offensive to God?
- #9. What does it mean when Scripture says God is a jealous God?
- #10. Why does pride serve as a block in our relationship with God?
- #11. Why does humility open the faucet of God’s grace?
- #12. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# *Welcome*

*To*

# *Hillcrest Church!*

*Love, Acceptance &  
Forgiveness!*

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.  
Show me the wonders of your great love  
Psalm 16:6-7*

**November 6, 2022**  
**Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY - NOVEMBER 6th**

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on prayer this morning, as we continue the 30-day prayer challenge. We will also be gathering at the Lord's table to celebrate the blessings we have in Christ.

### **THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE**

Monday concludes the prayer challenge. Thanks to all of you for praying for Hillcrest, and of course we can all continue to keep praying for the revitalization of the church.

### **THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE HALLOWEEN OUTREACH**

We had about 225 people come through our parking lot. It was a well done event. Thanks to Kathy Brooks for putting this together.

### **PRAY FOR KATHY LANDER**

Let's send our love and prayers to Kathy as she recovers from successful surgery.

### **NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – HILLCREST WILL BE A POLLING PLACE**

Hillcrest will be used to cast your votes in the upcoming election.

### **NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:00 PM – FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT CHURCH**

Pizza and games provided or bring your favorite game. Invite a friend.

### **NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – POTLUCK CELEBRATION**

Bring a dish to share and we will celebrate the kitchen remodel, the Halloween outreach and all the good things God has done.

### **NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - ADVENT**

The first Sunday in the Advent season, which is when we begin the countdown to our Christmas Eve service.

## **ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).