

A man in a workshop, wearing a light blue shirt and dark suspenders, is focused on working on a bicycle wheel. The background is dark and filled with various tools and equipment, creating a sense of a busy, hands-on environment. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the man and the wheel.

# James

Faith that Works

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## You Can't Have It Both Ways

James 4:4-10

Friend or foe?

"[spiritual adultery is] a giving unto the world that love and devotion, time and strength, which the Lord alone is entitled unto. As natural marriage is a solemn and sacred engagement which is not to be entered into lightly, constituting as it does a lifelong compact—much more should there be the most serious and self-searching deliberation before anyone openly professes to be united to the Lord."  
– Arthur Pink

"Friendship with the world implies not only a love for the world but that the world loves back. It is a growing comfort with the worldly system that is set in opposition to the Lord." - Phil Newton

The jealous grace of God

**Other Scripture:** 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:24; Exodus 20:5-6; Hebrews 4:14-16; Joshua 24:14-15

### Further Study

**Read:** James 4:4-10 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

**Discuss:**

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

**Act:**

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.