



LESSON 13: If I have found favor in your eyes Esther 7:1-7

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Read Ephesians 5:3-14. Who are we not to become partners with?

List the things that Paul shares which are not marks of a Christ follower. (I count six things.)

What type of “partnerships” fall into this admonition?

How are we to walk? (Verse 8-10)

Instead of taking part in the works of darkness, what are we to do?

What benefit is there to shining the light on those things?

Read James 4:1-10. What is the cause, according to James, of the quarrels and fights among us?

Why do the people not receive what they ask for?

Why does James call the people “adulterous” for their friendship with the world?

Who are we to submit to?

Why does James call for the people to “be wretched and mourn and weep”?

What kind of “exaltation” is being referenced in verse 10?

What is the difference between a request and a demand?

Are there times when you have wanted something so much that you demanded it, instead of requesting it?

What would James say was working in your heart at that moment?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. When we are in Christ, what has happened to us?

Is that from our own will power or self-control?

Where is it from?

What does God no longer count against us, through Christ's reconciling work?

What does that make us? (Verse 20)

Why would Paul plea with the people, in light of their new role for God, to be reconciled to God? Look closely at verse 21. What did God make Christ to be?

What did God make us to be?

Why did God do that?

Spend some time with God today, and, first of all, praise Him for placing your sin on Christ who was able to reconcile you to God and who gave you His righteousness in place of your sin! Ask God to help you to see when you are demanding instead of asking, and examine your heart to see what motive is behind your demand. Consider the ways in which you are partnering with the world, not just living in the world as a foreigner. Ask God to forgive you for those adulterous impulses in your heart and ask Him to help you to draw near to Him knowing that He will draw near to you.