

# Humility Driven Questions

*James 1:19-21*

Introduction: What makes NASCAR racer a winner? Physical fitness and endurance, reflexes. But instinct, ability to focus, ambition. Can't define it but it's needed. Christians have measurable (obey gospel, produce fruit, faithful) but also have things that can't be measured: love, leadership, humility.

## I. Humility Drives Behavior, v. 19

My brothers, James cares for them. (Listen to me, this is important)

If we get this, then all church conflict is solved, need humility

When we talk too much, listen little, we communicate our way is more important than our neighbors

List: Put down phone                      Make eye contact  
Seek to understand                      Ask reflective questions

If becoming angry

Is this worth getting angry about?      Take a breath  
Seek forgiveness quickly                      Think of Jesus' humility

John 13:35 Know you're my disciples? Love one another

Phil. 2:3 Let each esteem others better than himself

Luke 15 He talks to sinners!

## II. Humility Drives Righteousness, v. 20

Rarely does anger create spiritual good

It agitates: makes others angry and worse

It alienates: withdraws, lose relationship

It humiliates: makes them feel terrible, can hurt someone

Anger is not sinful, it is natural

James 1:20 For anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God

Eph 4:26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let sun go down on your anger.

But it is dangerous, and revealing (what makes you angry?)

Examples of anger: Cain, David and Nathan,

## III. Humility Drives Salvation, v. 21

Get rid of worldly filth from your life

Returns to theme of v. 9 & 10

Word of God created this world and it creates Christians, Gen. 1:1, gospel

Anger, Pride bring forth filth: These emotions are selfish, all about me

Take it off, clean it away

Obey the word of God. Be humble, gentle, faithful. Obedient