

Practical Instructions for Real Life When I Fail

James 4:7-10

7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

No one enjoys failing, but we all fail from time to time. When we sin, we have failed to follow God as He intended. So how should we respond to God whenever we sin? God calls us to draw near to Him in humble submission. God offers grace to those that humbly seek Him in faith.

1. Submit to God.

James 4:7; Mark 14:36; John 6:38; Ephesians 6:11

2. Draw near to God.

James 4:8; Exodus 30:17-21; Hebrews 10:19-22; Psalm 145:18; Luke 15:11-32

3. Humble yourself before God.

James 4:9-10; Luke 14:11; Isaiah 6:5; 1 Peter 5:6-7

Application questions:

1. Do you have any sin in your life that you need to submit to God?
2. Have you humbly taken your sin to God and asked for forgiveness?
3. If you are not a Christian, would you humbly submit your life to God today?