IS JESUS TRULY MY LORD?

James 4:4 (NKJV)

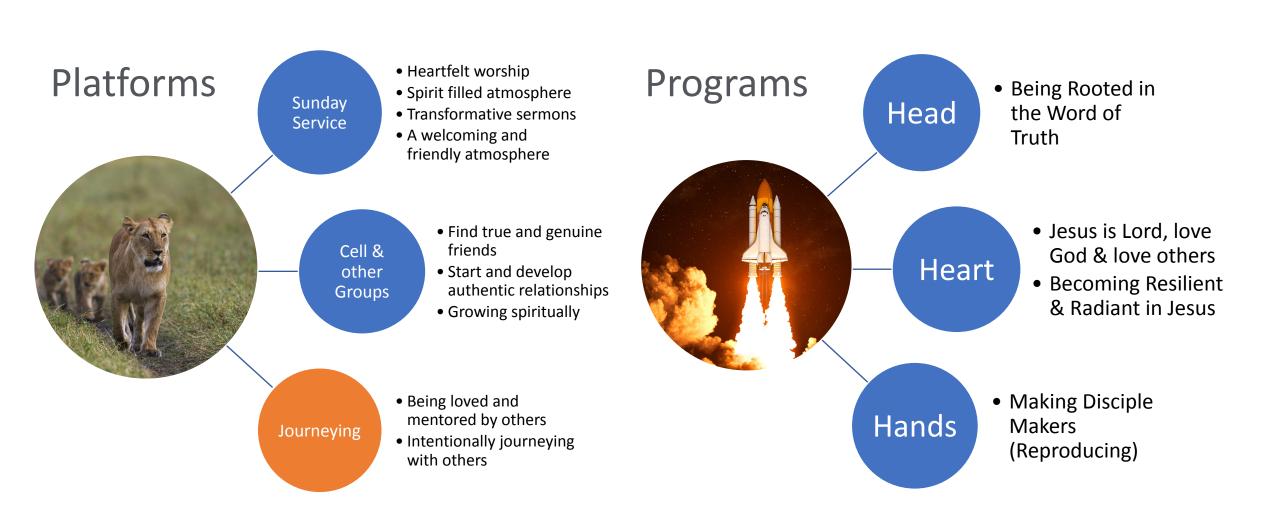
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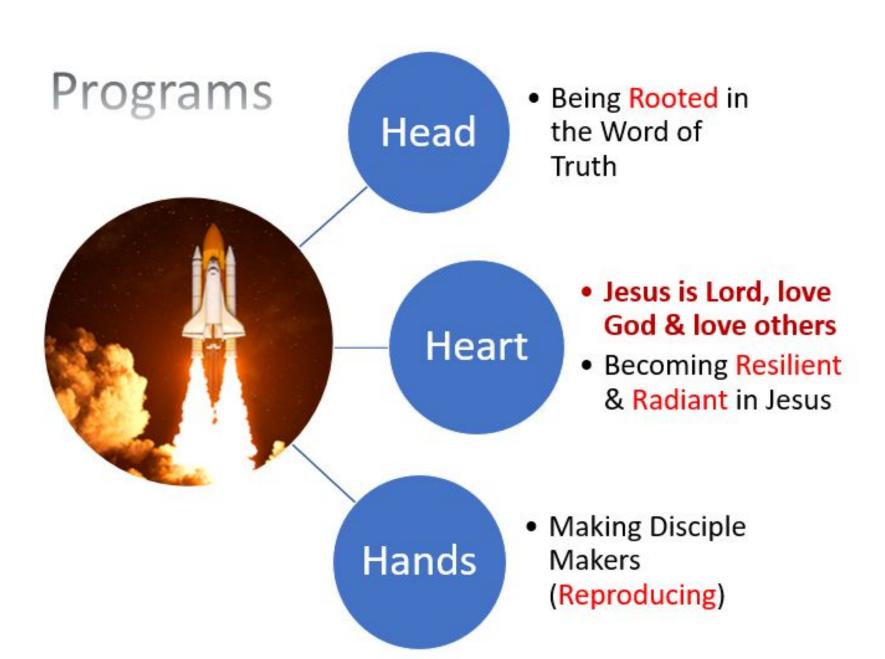
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Adulteresses - moichalides

You adulterous people

Unfaithful

Enmity with God, friendship with the world.

Not having Jesus as Lord

Readers of James were Christians

^{1:1} James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Adulterous - Jesus not Lord

Could it be that we have become adulterous and unfaithful - friend of the world and not a friend of God?

Becoming adulterous – Jesus is not Lord

How were the Christians not truly having Jesus as Lord?

We see at least 5 ways from the book of James.

All start with "D"

Is Jesus Truly My Lord?

- Deceived
- 2. Double-minded
- 3. Dead Faith
- 4. Defective Love
- 5. Desiring the World



1. Deceiving Ourselves

- ^{1:16} Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
- ^{1:22} But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- ^{1:26} If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

1. Deceiving Ourselves

Hypocrites (Pharisees) - a stumbling block

We think we are good Christians. Why?

And we are not friends with God.

Hypocrites. Adulterous. Unfaithful.

We are not real, genuine, true disciples.

2. Double-Minded

^{1:6} But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Wanting the best of both worlds God and mammon

2. Double-Minded

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62

Instead of holding to Jesus as Lord, we can hold other things as Lord

Are we single-minded, fully trusting God, fully committed to Christ as Lord of our lives, and firmly rooted in Christ?

3. Dead Faith

^{2:14} What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.





3. Dead Faith

^{2:26} For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

We can say we believe and trust in Jesus. But we have no love/service for God nor for man

If we truly have faith in Jesus as Lord, fruits of work will come forth from us.

Acts of love/service will be manifested from us.

We will be fruitful and reproducing.

4. Defective Love

^{2:8} If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; ⁹ but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Love is central to one who has Jesus as Lord.

Hallmark of a true disciple.

The greatest of all virtues is love.

4. Defective Love

^{2:1}My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. ² For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, ³ and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

4. Defective Love

Much wickedness and evil - Love is lacking

Pure love can be found in the church.

Loving God and loving others.

Powerful enough to love everybody – even enemies

Reach out to everybody.

Radiance with love.

Do you have this pure and radiating love?

^{5:2} Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.



^{1 Jn 2:15} Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.



People spend much energy accumulating worldly things.



4:15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

Doing the Lord's will - This is the purpose of life.

Rooted and **Resilient**

"I have decided to follow Jesus" - Nokseng.

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back.

Though no one joins me, still I will follow.

The cross before me, the world behind me.

JESUS IS TRULY MY LORD

- 1. Not Deceived True and Genuine
- 2. Not Double-minded Single-minded
- 3. Not Dead Faith Real Faith with Works
- 4. Not Defective Love Genuine Love
- 5. Not Desiring the World Desiring God

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