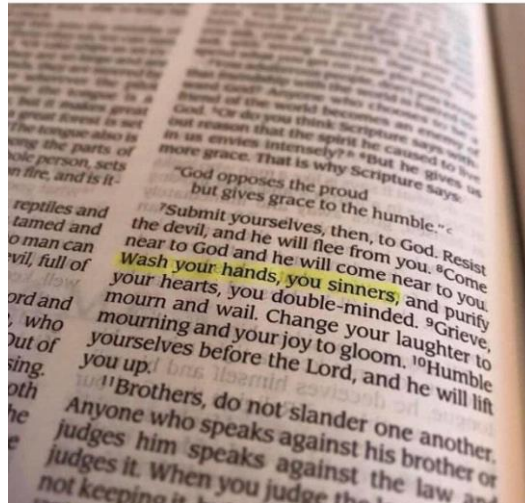


The Bible has contained the answer to the coronavirus all along. 🙏 🍌 📖



A few days ago I started seeing this picture with various captions posted all over social media. I'll admit I thought it was pretty funny. (Still do.) So I did what a lot of people did and I looked it up for myself to see it in context. The whole passage is quite appropriate for what is going on around us right now. The highlighted verse in the picture is James 4:8. To get the entire context, you can read all of James 4. But for today, take a moment and read James 4:7-17.

It is a very timely passage for today:

- Right now, we are being cautioned to wash our hands so we do not get sick or get anyone else sick. This passage tells us to cleanse our hands and purify our hearts so we can draw near to God.
- Right now, people are criticizing other people's decisions and behavior. This passage asks, "Who are we to judge our neighbor?"
- Right now, people are speaking with authority about things none of us really know. We are either overreacting or we are not doing enough. This passage says that God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- And right now, people are worried about themselves and hoarding things that other people may need. And many of us have no idea how our neighbors are doing because we have not bothered to find out. This passage says we are sinning when we know the right thing to do and do not do it.

I think the beginning and end of this passage tell us everything we need to know right now. We need to submit and draw near to God, and we need to do the right thing. God is in control. Our lives are but a mist and we do not know what tomorrow will bring, but God does. God is not worried about anything. That should comfort us, and probably convict us a little.

Take a moment today to pause and thank God that He is bigger than we are. Draw near to Him today. Ask Him, "What would be the right thing for me to do today?" And then go do it.