1. (v.1-3) Our first enemy is the **flesh** which is focused on our personal **pleasures**.

2. (v.4-5) Our second enemy is the **world** which tries to seduce away our **faithfulness**.

3. (v.6-7) Our third enemy is the **devil** which tries to leverage our **pride**.

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**Summary: Ephesians 2:1-3**

- “…the course of this **world**…”
- “…the **prince** of the power of the **air**…”
- “…the lusts of our **flesh**…”

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4. (v.8-10) The antidote to **pride** is being sober and serious, putting away all **sin**.

5. (v.11-12) The antidote to a **critical spirit** is being more concerned about your own **obedience** first.

6. (v.13-17) The antidote to arrogant **self-confidence** is knowing how say, “**If the Lord wills**” as plans are made **day-to-day**.

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**Summary: James follows up establishing our 3 foremost enemies:**

- The **flesh** (v.1-3)
- The **world** (v.4-5)
- The **devil** (v.6-7)

...with 3 exhortations to repent from the most damaging effects of these enemies...

- **Pride** (v.8-10)
- **Criticism** (v.11-12)
- **Arrogant self-confidence** (v.13-17)

These work to bring **division** so as to destroy Christ’s intention of a **single**, **unified** body of believers who are united in **obedience** to His Word both in their **deeds** and **heart**. (John 17:22-23; Eph. 4:11-14)