

# How To Prevent A Church Split

James 4:1-10

Why do churches split?

1. Because of selfish desires
2. Because of friendship with the world
3. Because of a disdain for the spirit

How do we prevent a split?

The general principle of prevention: humbleness

Specific instructions (11 commands)

Submit to God

Resist the devil

Draw near to God

Cleanse your hands

Purify your hearts

Be afflicted

Mourn

Weep

Stop laughing, start mourning

Stop being joyful, embrace gloom

Humble yourself before God