

(James 4:4) The WORLD wants
you to “friend” it!

The WORLD presses, pulls, whines, begs, entices, and bullies toward this end. It's subtle surrogates are:

depravity (our propensity to sin)

peer pressure (our desire to be accepted)

Depravity > **gravity** (drags/pulls)

Peer Pressure > **air pressure**
(compresses/squeezes)

In the natural world we fashion tools to fight back against these forces. In the spiritual world, God provides assistance to fight back and overcome. He provides as much as necessary!

(James 4:6) BUT God gives
more grace

God's Riches At Christ's Expense **(theological)**

God's Resources Available Covering Emergencies
(practical ... negative)

God's Resources Always Contain ENABLEMENT
(practical ... positive)

Emotionally, the world is a vortex ... desire!
Spiritually, the world is a tank ... death!

God does not intervene to weaken the attraction or danger.

Instead ... hard *PLACE* > more *GRACE*

Each of us should use whatever gift he has ... Faithfully applying God's grace in its **VARIOUS FORMS!** (*1 Peter 4:10*)

(Romans 5:2) **Standing** up when
the current would sweep us off our
feet

(Romans 5:20-21) **Putting up** with
sinful ignorance which surrounds us

(Romans 12:6) **Doing** hard things

(Romans 15:15-16) **Saying** hard things
(which need to be said)

(1 Cor. 15:10) **Exceeding** negative
expectations

(11 Cor. 9:8) **Enduring** beyond physical
weakness or limitations

(Hebrews 4:16) **Remaining** confident
even while lonely or needy

(Hebrews 12:15) **Rising** above the
temptation toward bitterness

(Hebrews 13:9) **Resisting/Rejecting**
false teaching or cultural lies

HOW CAN I RECEIVE “MORE” GRACE?

- Get empty
- Be humble
- Step out