

“James #12”

James 4:10 - 12 (Do not speak evil of one another)

Review: James 4:7 - 10 (ESV)

- **1st Peter 5:5b – 7 (ESV)** **“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”**

James 4:7 – 8 (ESV) Read

- Submit to God... what does that look like?
- Resist the devil, is that part of submitting to God?
- Pride opens the door to Satan and the attacks of the Devil
- **V8... “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”**

2nd Chronicles 15:1 – 2 (NKJV) Read

James 4:9 – 10 (NKJV) **“Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”**

Isaiah 57:15 **“For thus says the High and Lofty one Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones...”**

Text: James 4:10 – 12 (ESV) Read

- Once a month I go to church in Newberg... (The importance and power of fellowship)

V11... “Do not speak evil of one another...”

Ephesians 4:30 – 32 (NKJV) *“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, (Loud quarreling) and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*

James 5:9 *“Do not grumble (Groan) against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold the judge is standing at the door.”*

- My personal opinion: Christian Fellowship is one of the greatest gifts God has given us!
- Kept me saved, encouraged... revelation and insight of God’s grace and mercy!

Philippians 1:3 – 8 (NKJV) Read

Acts 20:13 – 38... Story of Paul on his way to Jerusalem, calls for the elders at Ephesus...

- Read V’s 36 – 38

1 John 1:3,7 *“That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the father and with His Son Jesus Christ... If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

Text James 4:12 (NLT) Read

“God alone, who gave the law, is the judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?”

Robert Hiller: *“When we find ourselves being judgmental toward our brothers and sisters, we find ourselves opposed to God. His judgement toward sinners took place on the cross.”*