

James 4:11-17, Bible Devotions

☐ **Monday - Do Not Speak Against One Another.** James 4:11

“Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge of it” (James 4:11). To speak evil of God’s people or bring a reviling judgment against them, is to break God’s commandment (Mt. 7:1-5; Rom. 14:10, 13; Col. 3:8). How unthinkable for those who have received the mercy of the Lord and escaped His judgement, to cast judgement on others and withhold mercy. Christian, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36). Read Matt. 18:21-33

☐ **Tuesday - One Lawgiver and Judge.** James 4:12

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?” (James 4:11-12). When we judge others, we usurp God’s authority. There is only One who is Lawgiver and Judge, that is God. Read Isaiah 33:22

☐ **Wednesday - My Future is in His Hands.** James 4:13-15

“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.’ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that’” (James 4:13-15). “The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps” (Prov. 16:9). Christian, your life is in God’s hands. Commit your ways unto the Lord. Read Proverbs 19:21

☐ **Thursday - Life is Short, Carpe Diem.** James 4:14

“You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Life is short. Every day is precious. Live each day as if it were your last. Carpe Diem. Read Psalm 39:4-5; 90:12

☐ **Friday - Right & Wrong Boasting.** James 4:16

“But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil” (James 4:16). “Thus says the Lord, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,’ declares the Lord.” Read Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Cor. 1:26-29

☐ **Saturday - Don’t Neglect Doing What is Right.** James 4:17

There are sins of commission, but also sins of omission. “Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). Read 1 Corinthians 10:31