

12. In verses 4-5, James rebukes his readers for their what?
13. What kind of person does God resist?
14. According to James 4:7-10, what is the solution to pride?
15. What is at the root of speaking evil of another person?
16. When we are willing to slander and defame people and ruin their reputation, we are basically saying what?
17. If we want to defeat the sin of slandering others, we need to go where?
18. What is a different way of translating v. 11 (other than, "...Do not speak evil of one another")?
19. Defamation of character means: "an attack on the \_\_\_\_\_ of someone by publishing \_\_\_\_\_ and malicious things that slander and injure."
20. What is unique about the sin of slander in comparison to some other sins?
21. How many of the things that God hates (listed in Proverbs 6) are directly related to how we speak about other people?
22. The name "devil" means what?
23. Who are we acting like when we slander people?
24. James uses "brethren" or "brothers" 3 times in one verse to emphasize what fact?
25. What did the princes in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 10 assume about David?
26. What often happens when people begin to talk and pass along slanderous information?
27. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 10, how many people lost their lives because of slanderous information?
28. Your words have the power to do what?
29. The command of James 4:11 includes what?
30. What is the word used for taking a story where it should not go?
31. To slander is creating and spreading what?
32. When we speak evil of a brother, it is often because we are doing what?
33. When we speak evil of a brother, it is often because we have judged that brother and we assume/have concluded what?
34. If we are no longer under the law, why does James appeal to the law?
35. For what two reasons did many Jewish believers continue to live according to the law?
36. It is possible that James is referring, not to the Old Testament law, but to the what?
37. The "perfect law of liberty" is the law of what?
38. What is really the epitome of pride?
39. James is politely saying, "There is one Lawgiver and Judge, and what?"

40. None of us are in a position to do what?

41. It is wrong to judge and slander someone. But God does **NOT** prohibit doing what?

42. Many in our society say that to address sin in someone's life is violating what biblical commands?

43. What is the most quoted Bible verse today (though taken out of context)?

44. Do you see how serious the matter of slander and gossip is to the Lord?

***God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!***

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Time:**

- 1) Read James through once this week.**
- 2) Read James 4:1-17 three times this week.**
- 3) Does the Bible condemn or recommend planning?**
- 4) What should be the proper attitude toward planning?**

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## **THE EVIL OF CHARACTER ASSASSINATION**

James 4:11-12

(Series #18)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**The Evil of Character Assassination.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is your most valuable possession?
2. Pastor Bryan suggests that your most valuable possession is your what?
3. Proverbs 22:1 says that a good name is more desirable than what?
4. What is better than fine perfume?
5. When the Bible talks about God's name, it is talking about what?
6. It is a serious matter when you or I or anyone else engages in the evil practice of what?
7. What are some titles/names for saying damaging things about others that are not true?
8. What offense does Hebrew Scripture denounce more than any other offense?
9. What one word would summarize the problem that James addresses in chapter 4 of his letter?
10. In the early verses we see that pride was at the root of the people's what?
11. Focus on self is a twin trait of what?

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