

"THE OLD STONE CHURCH"

JAMES SERMON SERIES - #7

JAMES 4:11-12

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Introduction

Proverbs 26:22 – *Gossip is so tasty! How we love to swallow it.* (GNT)

Luke 6:37-38 – *"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*

Ephesians 4:29 – *Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.* (NLT)

James gives three reasons why we must avoid this.

1. It is _____.

James 4:11 – *Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.*

1 John 4:20 – *If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot[a] love God whom he has not seen.*

2. It is _____.

James 4:11 – *The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law.*

James 2:8 – *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.*

3. It is _____.

James 4:12 – *There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?*

Matthew 7:3-5 – *Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

Conclusion

Galatians 5:14-15 – *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

A Tale of the Old Stone Church