

Learning To Think Like God

A study of the book of James

Feeling Superior? Then You Have Forgotten WHO is in Charge!

Part 1

James 4:11-12

TWO NATURES:

GOD

- **Lifts The Humble (James 4:10)**
 - ...he will **lift you up and give you honor.** (NLT)
 - ...he will **lift you up, encourage and help you.** (TLB)
 - ...he will **lift you up and make your lives significant.** (AMP)

MAN

- **Slanders Others (James 4:11)**
 - **Brothers,** do not **slander one another.** (NIV)
 - Don't **speak evil against each other.** (NLT)
 - Don't **criticize and speak evil about each other.** (TLB)
 - Do not **speak evil about or accuse one another.** (AMP)

WE MUST WATCH WHAT WE SAY TO AND ABOUT ONE ANOTHER (11)

- Speaking against a brother is the same as speaking against the word of God (the law of God).
- Judging a brother is the same as judging the word of God (the law of God).
- When we judge the word of God, we are not obeying the law of God. WHY?
- Because we are judging it. You cannot obey what you sit in judgment against.
- We are saying that God is wrong! We are right!

WHO IS IN CHARGE? (12)

- There is ONLY ONE!
 - He is the Lawgiver!
 - He is the Judge!
 - He alone can save!
 - He alone can destroy!
- BUT YOU...Who are you?
 - Who told you that you could do what ONLY God can do?
 - Who made you the judge?

LUKE 6:37-42

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

JESUS MISSION WHILE ON EARTH IS OUR MISSION ON EARTH **JOHN 12:47-50 (NIV)**

"As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

QUOTES

Modern man is educated to understand foreign languages and misunderstand foreigners.

--G. K. Chesterton

Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people -- your family, friends, and co-workers, and even strangers you meet along the way.

--Barbara Bush

You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.

--R. Buckminster Fuller

We must all hang together, else we shall all hang separately.

--Benjamin Franklin