

“CHRISTIAN” CHARACTER ASSASSINATION

James 4:11-12 // November 23, 2025 PM

Stop engaging in character assassination in the church.

I. Because such self-righteous arrogance *repudiates* the *law* (v. 11).

II. Because such self-righteous arrogance *replaces* the *Lawgiver* (v. 12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is slander, and how is it different from gossip?
2. Why are we drawn to slander, and why do we tend to take pleasure in it?
3. How is it that when we slander and harshly condemn our neighbor, we actually end up speaking evil against and judging the law?
4. What commandments do we break when we slander? How exactly?
5. Who is the ultimate lawgiver and judge? How does coming to terms with this in our hearts deliver us from pride and slander?
6. Should Christians never make judgments about each other? What are right kinds of judgment in the church, and how are they different from what James is addressing here?
7. What should we do if someone speaks slander to us? What should we do if someone spreads slander about us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever slandered or gossiped in the church? If so, what led me to do it and to find pleasure in it?
2. Why is slander such a heinous sin?
3. Looking back on everything James has called me to thus far in his letter, how is humility the path to it all? What am I doing to cultivate a humble heart in Jesus Christ?