

"Practical Wisdom from the Epistle of James"

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James 4:11 – 5:6

Boasting and Pride – James 4:11-17

A. Read James 4:11-12

- According to James, why should we not speak against fellow Christians?
- How does our judging of others end up judging the Law?
- What role does pride play in judging others?
- How can you detect a spirit of humility in a person?

B. Read James 4:13-17

- What attitude does God want us to have regarding the future? Why?
- Why is God not satisfied that we simply **know** to do good?
- Why is humility harder to practice than pride?
- Can you think of a time when pride has damaged your relationship with God?
With another person?
- What steps can you take to develop a spirit of humility as you plan for the future?

Warning the Rich - James 5:1-6

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- List ways in which people oppress others for personal gain.
- List some ungodly attitudes that cause oppression.
- How does God respond to the oppressed?
- List some of the negative effects that increased wealth can have on people's lives.
- How can money keep you from doing God's work?
- How can we use our financial resources for God's glory?
- In what ways do you need to change your attitudes toward money?
- How can sharing your wealth improve the state of the world?