

INTENTIONAL APPLICATION – JAMES 4:11-12

KEEPING CALM IN CONFLICT

W.O.R.K.S. (saving faith is also working faith)

WHO's the JUDGE?

1. DO OUR WORDS _____ JUDGE PEOPLE _____ ?

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another.

James 4:11

Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow.

Prov 25:18

A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.

Prov 16:28

When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Prov 10:19

Your own soul is nourished when you are kind, but you destroy yourself when you are cruel.

Prov 11:17

Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

Prov 15:4

A person's words can be life-giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a bubbling brook.

Prov 18:4

Wise speech is rarer and more valuable than gold and rubies.

Prov 20:15

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Eph 4:29

2. DO OUR WORDS _____ JUDGE GOD'S LAW _____

cont... Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it.

James 4:11

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Matt 7:1-2

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, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matt 7:3-5

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37

3. DO OUR WORDS _____ JUDGE GOD _____ ?

cont... When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

James 4:11

I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.

Ezek 3:17-19

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

Gal 6:1

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

James 4:12

GOD IS THE JUDGE