

## “Words”

James 4:11-17

New Hope Community Church

July 24th, 2022

### A. Consider Our Words In Light of the Law of Jesus (11,12)

1. Do we dare to be \_\_\_\_\_ of one another?
  - **Criticism is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_**
  - **A spirit of criticism creates a \_\_\_\_\_ environment**
  - **Jesus prayed earnestly that we might be \_\_\_\_\_**
2. Do we dare to \_\_\_\_\_ one another?
  - **We are to \_\_\_\_\_ speak truth into each other's life**  
*Mt 18 / Ga 6:1 / Tit 3:10,11 / Eph 4:15 / 2 Th 3:14,15 / Ja 5:19,20 / 1 Tim 5:19*
  - **Criticism turns to judgment when it \_\_\_\_\_ the heart**
3. Do we dare to become judges of the law of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - **This law is the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment of John 13:34**
  - **To neglect this law is to judge it as \_\_\_\_\_**  
*Would you approach Jesus & tell Him His law doesn't work?*
  - **Compliance with this law brings \_\_\_\_\_ (Ja 1:25)**
4. Do we \_\_\_\_\_ recognize the Lord in our midst?
  - **He alone has the \_\_\_\_\_ to save or destroy**
  - **Are we willing to put ourselves in \_\_\_\_\_ place as judge?**

### B. Consider Our Words In Light of Our Mortality (13-17)

1. Do our words reflect an awareness that life is a \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - **A temporal perspective encourages \_\_\_\_\_**
  - **An eternal perspective creates sense of \_\_\_\_\_**
2. Do we see each day as a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace?
  - **Living with a sense of His \_\_\_\_\_**
  - **Rejecting a spirit of independence based upon \_\_\_\_\_**
3. Do we agree with God that \_\_\_\_\_ words are sin?

### Personal Reflection

- God calls us to a commitment of speaking only a \_\_\_\_\_ of one another, reserving any negative words for specific efforts to help one another overcome sin in our lives.

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  - Criticism is rooted in **pride**
  - A spirit of criticism creates a **toxic** environment
  - Jesus prayed earnestly that we might be **unified**
2. Do we dare to **judge** one another?
  - We are to **lovingly** speak truth into each other's life  
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  - Criticism turns to judgment when it **attacks** the heart
3. Do we dare to become judges of the law of **Jesus**?
  - This law is the **new** commandment of John 13:34
  - To neglect this law is to judge it as **worthless**  
*Would you approach Jesus & tell Him His law doesn't work?*
  - Compliance with this law brings **blessing** (Ja 1:25)
4. Do we **humbly** recognize the Lord in our midst?
  - He alone has the **power** to save or destroy
  - Are we willing to put ourselves in **His** place as judge?

### B. Consider Our Words In Light of Our Mortality (13-17)

1. Do our words reflect an awareness that life is a **vapor**?
  - A temporal perspective encourages **indifference**
  - An eternal perspective creates sense of **accountability**
2. Do we see each day as a **stewardship** of God's grace?
  - Living with a sense of His **pleasure**
  - Rejecting a spirit of independence based upon **pride**
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