



When You've Been Wronged

James 4:11-17 / Rom 12:17-21

"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

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay!" says the Lord." Rom 12:19b

When I've been wronged, I tend to '___ God' (James 4:11-17)

#1 Speaking about others instead of speaking to them (11)

Proverbs 19:11 A person's wisdom makes him slow to anger; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense. BUT

Matt 5:23 First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. 18:15 ...go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.

When should I OVERLOOK / when should I GO & RAISE it? Ken Sande:

- Does this create a lasting ___ between you and the other person?
- Does this cause serious harm to God's _____, or others, or them?
- Is this recurring? Is it accumulating n_____ves in me that I replay?

#2 Judging others instead of ___ing myself to ___ peace (12)

Do you have internal radar for this? When I play God as. . .

AU___RITY = seeing myself as ___ another VS both under God's Word

ACCEPTANCE = driving away another in self-protection VS _____

ATT_____NEY = push for evidence and verdict NOW VS in God's _____

#3 Pres_____g instead of God-centered planning (13-17)

"the Judge is standing at the door..." =

When I've been wronged, I can r_____ instead of repay (Rom 12:17-21)

"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." Heb 12:14

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18

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Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² 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? ¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

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Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."