

Questions to Consider — Lesson 18 — “The Danger of Slander!” — James 4:11-12

1. (a) What does James say in 4:11-12? (b) Now, review the book of James and note where else the topic of the tongue is spoken about. (c) Why do you think James mentions this so often? (d) What would “speaking evil” include?
2. Memorize James 4:11-12.
3. Read Matthew 7:1-5 and John 7:24. (a) Is Jesus contradicting Himself? (b) How do you know?
4. Read Numbers 12. (a) What was the sin of Miriam and Aaron? (b) What was the result of their judging Moses? (c) What principles can you glean regarding judging others—especially those in leadership?
5. (a) What is Paul saying in 1 Corinthians 5:9-13? (b) Do you think the churches today are practicing this? (c) What can we do to change that?
6. Observe your speech and thoughts regarding other people this week. Do the things you say and think about others show a righteous judgment or a judgmental spirit?
7. Try as much as you are able to elevate your conversations this week from the mundane to the eternal. What have you learned about your speech?
8. We have now had several instructions regarding the tongue. Is your speech any better, and is it God-honoring? What is your prayer to God?