

HOW TO QUIT PLAYING GOD

Developing a Faith That Works - Part 11

James 4:11-12

"Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. 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?" (vs. 11b & 12)

WE'RE PLAYING GOD WHEN WE _____

I. WHY DO WE LIKE TO JUDGE OTHERS?

1. _____
"So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them, and yet do the same thing, do you think you will escape God's judgment?"
Romans 2:3

2. _____
"Gossip is so tasty! How we love to swallow it!"
Proverbs 26:22 (GN)

II. WHY SHOULD I NOT JUDGE OTHERS?

* It is _____
"Brothers do not slander ... anyone who speaks against his brother or judges his brother ... "

* It is _____
"Anyone who ... judges, speaks against the law ..." (vs. 11)

See James 2:8

* It is _____
"There is only one Lawgiver and Judge ... who are you to judge your neighbor?"

III. WHEN IS IT WRONG TO JUDGE OTHERS?

1. _____ (Rom. 2:1-3)
2. _____ (Matt. 7:3-5)
3. _____ (John 7:24)
4. _____ (John 7:51)
5. _____ (Col. 2:16)
6. _____ (James 4:11)
7. _____ (1 Cor. 4:5)

IV. HOW TO BREAK THE HABIT OF JUDGING OTHERS

1. _____
"Do not judge others, so that God will not judge you, for God will judge you in the same way you judge others, and he will apply to you the same rules you apply to others." Matthew 7:1-2

2. _____
"Every one of us, then, will have to give an account of himself to God. So then, let us stop judging one another." Romans 14:12-13

3. _____
"... Mercy triumphs over judgement." James 2:13

Parable of Unforgiving Servant -- Matthew 18:21- 35