

BE SLOW TO SPEAK (PART 3):
Slandering and Judging Others Exalts Self
Text: James 4:11-12 Date: November 13, 2016

INTRODUCTION

- ❖ In James 4:11-12, James returns to the topic: “*be slow to speak.*”
- ❖ We must abstain from acting on worldly wisdom & speech which reap havoc on God’s church. (4:11-12)
- ❖ Slandering, critical, and judgmental speech against a brother or sister is destructive in two ways:

MAIN POINTS

1. Slandering, critical, and judgmental speech destroys others. (11)
 - A. Slandering and criticizing defames and discourages others. (11a)
 - B. Judging arrogantly disregards the law of love by shaming and condemning others. (11b)
2. Slandering, critical, and judgmental speech wickedly exalts self. (11-12)
 - A. To condemn others is to play God. (11c)
 - B. To condemn others is to compare erroneously. (12)