

The Sin Of Slander
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James 4:11-12

James shows us that slander is **evidence of pride.**

I. What Is Slander?

- A. The command here forbids any speech, whether it is true or false, which runs down another person.

- B. Slander is forbidden not as a breach of truth, but as a breach of humility.

- C. It is an unauthorized or distorted report which influences us to form an evil opinion about another person.

II. Why Not Slander?

A. Because of the partnership it spoils. *James 4:11*

B. Because of the principal it smashes.

1. He is not saying Christians are never to make judgments about others.

John 7:24

2. The problem with slander is that it violates the law.

3. When you judge the law, you are not **keeping it**, but sitting in judgment on it.

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C. Because of the position it assumes. *James 4:12*

D. Because of the presumption it shows. *James 4:12*

1. Our lack of personal integrity

2. Our lack of perfect information

Matthew 7:1-5

III. What To Do About Slander?

Ephes. 4:29

A. Think before we speak

B. Beware of slanderers

C. Prevent slander: (Five questions to ask before listening):

1. “What is your reason for telling me?”
2. “Where did you get your information?”
3. “Have you gone to those directly involved?”
4. “Have you personally checked out all of the facts?”
5. “Can I quote you if I check this out?”

D. Respond to slander:

Romans 16:17

Proverbs 14:15

Proverbs 11:13

Proverbs 17:9