



#10 Real Faith Lets God BE GOD!

James 4:11-17

LET GOD BE GOD!

STOP ACTING LIKE YOU ARE SUPERIOR TO OTHERS!

James 4: 11 Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹²There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbor?

- A. Judging other people is tantamount to judging **GOD'S LAW**
- B. Sitting in judgment on God's Law is in effect placing yourself **OVER** the law instead of **UNDER** it
- C. Placing yourself over God's Law is really just **PLAYING GOD**
- D. Judging people is God's job, and **YOU'RE NOT GOD!**

STOP ACTING LIKE YOU ARE SOVEREIGN OVER THE FUTURE!

James 4:13 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." ¹⁴Why, 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. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

- A. Life is **UNCERTAIN**
- B. Life is **FRAGILE** and transitory

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

HEART ATTITUDES – "If it is the Lord's Will..."

1. **SURRENDER** – I've given my desires to God. I've surrendered my dreams to Him.
2. **SUBORDINATION** – I'm reaffirming my servant status, my position of being under Him. He's the Master, I'm the slave.
3. **DEPENDENCE** – Without Him I'm really not able to do anything of eternal value. I realize I am **TOTALLY** dependent upon Him for my very life.

STATEMENT OF RESIGNATION

"I am hereby giving notice that I am resigning as Head of the Universe, effective immediately. I've decided to let GOD be God."

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