

REFOCUSING YOUR FAITH

LESSON 9: SELF-PROMOTION

TEXT: JAMES 4:9-17

INTRODUCTION: _____

I. FINDING HUMILITY (vv. 9-10)

- A. REPENTANCE IS AN _____, NOT JUST AN _____.
 - I. YOUR SIN SHOULD MAKE YOU _____.
 - II. YOUR SIN SHOULD BRING _____.
- B. SIN IS NO _____.
 - I. DON'T TAKE YOUR SIN _____, BECAUSE GOD CERTAINLY DOESN'T.
 - II. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S MIND ABOUT YOUR SIN SHOULD _____ YOU DEEPLY.
- C. LET GOD BE THE ONE TO _____ YOU.

II. FINDING DEFERENCE (vv. 11-12)

- A. _____ A CHRISTIAN BROTHER/SISTER IS THE POLAR OPPOSITE OF CHRIST'S COMMAND TO _____. (CF. JOHN 13:34-35, 15:12, 17)
- B. TEARING SOMEONE ELSE DOWN USURPS GOD'S DIVINE AUTHORITY OF _____.
 - I. IT PUTS YOU IN THE POSITION OF DECLARING SOMEONE'S _____.
 - II. IT ATTEMPTS TO DENY GOD'S DESIRE TO SEE THEM SAVED. (2 PET 3:9)
- C. ONLY GOD HAS THE PREROGATIVE TO METE OUT JUDGMENT AND CONDEMNATION.
 - I. IT'S EASIER TO LOVE OTHERS WHEN YOU _____ THEIR JUDGMENT TO GOD.
 - II. IT'S EASIER TO FORGIVE YOURSELF AND OTHERS KNOWING THAT THE ONLY JUDGE IS ALSO THE ULTIMATE _____.

III. FINDING TRUST (vv. 13-17)

- A. _____ IS A QUICK WAY OUT OF GOD'S WILL. (SEE JAMES 4:6)
- B. WE _____, GOD _____.
 - I. LEARN TO BE _____ IN YOUR LIFE PLANNING.
 - II. LEARN ROLL WITH GOD'S PLAN WHEN IT'S _____ FROM YOURS.
- C. OUR LIVES ARE INCREDIBLY _____; DETERMINE TO MAKE IT COUNT FOR GOD'S KINGDOM.

CONCLUSION: _____