



"Apps for Life"
A Study of James

James 4:11-17

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IX. The Humility App: Showing Preference (4:1-17)

A. Pride must be replaced with humility (4:1-10)

1. The dilemma of selfish preferences: the cause of conflict (v.1-5)
 - a. An exalted view of self and our preferences (v.1-3, 5)
 - b. An exalted view of the world and its preferences (v.4)
2. The delight of Godly preferences: the cure for conflict (v.6-10)
 - a. Preferring God and others invites the grace of God (v.6)
 - b. Preferring to submit to God and His authority (v.7)
 - c. Preferring to resist Satan and his tactics (v.7)
 - d. Preferring to draw near to God in relationship (v.8)
 - e. Preferring a clear conscience before God (v.8)
 - f. Preferring the brokenness of man's selfish spirit (v.9)
 - g. Preferring God's management of our lives (v.10)

B. Showing preference to God rather than trying to play God (4:11-

1. Don't try to play God to others (v.11-12)

a. Don't speak against one another with arrogance

b. Don't judge another's heart with arrogance

c. Don't violate the truth of God with arrogance

2. Don't try to play God to self (v.13-17)

a. Make plans without acknowledging God (v.13)

b. Make plans without depending on God (v.14)

c. Make plans with arrogant attitude (v.16)

d. Rather, seek His desire in all we do (v.15)

e. Rather, choose what we know is His desire (v.17)