



LESSON EIGHT: Genuine Judgment (James 4:8-17)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine judgment. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Christians Have Pure Hearts (v.8)

- A. A pure heart will draw near to God.
- B. A pure heart will want clean hands.
- C. A pure heart will want a clear mind.

II. Christians Have Exalted Lives (vs.9-10)

- A. Humbleness in the sight of Lord comes through lamentation.
- B. Humbleness in the sight of Lord will be rewarded.
- C. Humbleness in the sight of Lord comes when we lay aside our pride.

III. Christians Have Peaceful Ways (vs.11-12)

- A. We must not speak evil of our brethren.
- B. We must not judge our brother.
- C. We must not attempt to replace God or His laws.

IV. Christians Have Wise Methods (vs.13-16)

- A. God should be a part of our plans.
- B. God should be a part of our decision making.
- C. Without God we can become arrogant and ignorant.

V. Christians Have Right Thinking (v.17)

- A. We need to be looking for good works.
- B. We need to make sure we do not overlook good works.
- C. We need to critically think about our actions.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine judgment. Will you follow James' advice?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Judgment"