

Two Ways Growing Disciples Can Mature

James 4:11 Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters. He who speaks against a fellow believer or judges a fellow believer speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but it's judge. **12** But there is only one who is lawgiver and judge—the one who is able to save and destroy. On the other hand, who are you to judge your neighbor?

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into this or that town and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.” **14** You do not know about tomorrow. What is your life like? For you are a puff of smoke that appears for a short time and then vanishes. **15** You ought to say instead, “If the Lord is willing, then we will live and do this or that.” **16** But as it is, you boast about your arrogant plans. All such boasting is evil. **17** So whoever knows what is good to do and does not do it is guilty of sin.

New English Translation

Uppity

The Point: Let's Not Think More Highly of Ourselves Than We Should

Ever done something really stupid that you now regret?

2 Arrogant Practices:

Criticizing Other Believers vv 11-12

Why it's stupid

What law?

Why we participate in this fail...

Prayer: *“Lord please judge me like I judge others. Thank You!”*

Assuming Outcomes vv 13-17

The wise don't set their hearts on the wishful results 13

The wise know that things here are temporary. 14

It's foolish to say, “If God I _____s me He will....” 15

Prayer: *“Lord thank You in advance for how everything will turn out tomorrow.”*

Don't take responsibility for outcomes: that is where the anxious live.
Take responsibility for working hard with God: that is confident living.
...and leave the profitability to Him.

I Thank God For Your Hospitality In Receiving Pastor Nick

2Cor. 7:13 Therefore we have been encouraged. And in addition to our own encouragement, we rejoiced even more at the joy of Titus, because all of you have refreshed his spirit. 14 For if I have boasted to him about anything concerning you, I have not been embarrassed by you, but just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting to Titus about you has proved true as well. 15 And his affection for you is much greater when he remembers the obedience of you all, how you welcomed him with fear and trembling. 16 I rejoice because in everything I am fully confident in you. net

Dearest Beulah—Do you see why I had reason to explode in thanksgiving to our Great God? For just as the Corinthian church warmly accepted Titus when Paul brought him to them, resulting in joy for Titus, so too, has Pastor Nick experienced the very same wonder & joy. It is God who does such wonderful things.

What I bragged to Nick about Beulah, and what I bragged to Beulah about Nick did not leave me embarrassed. It was all true. Imagine the apprehension of Titus, as he was curious if and how the Corinthians would accept him and his pastoral authority. “Will they respect me (“fear” & “trembling”) & how will the future of the ministry with me work out?” The respect and acceptance was mutual I’m sure. Nick will grow in his affections for you and will rise to the level of my love for you too.

Beulah, you have been wonderful in hospitality. I encourage you to do it even more as Nick and Melissa and the kids get to know you and how you show love to them. They want to know you, not just in the church building but home to home. They want to experience “family fellowship” with you. Keep up the good loving! (especially if you have kids too) *for I am fully confident in you.* And, Thank God for great things He has done.

- Rob

A Cure For The Condition of Arrogance - James 4:11-17

