

## Series: Choosing Integrity Week Nine

\_\_\_\_\_ = adherence to moral and ethical principles;  
soundness of moral character; honesty.

**Proverbs 11:20 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup> The LORD detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity.

### **James 4:11-17 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. <sup>12</sup> God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?

**When we are not growing spiritually, we are more prone to criticize, judge, and speak in unkind ways.**

**When we do judge others, we're playing God!**

<sup>17</sup> Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

**It's not only wrong to be a hater ... it's sin.**

<sup>13</sup> Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a

profit." <sup>14</sup> How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. <sup>15</sup> What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil.

**"The sovereignty of God" = God's rule is supreme!**

**1 Cor 6:19-20 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price.

**We start with recognizing that God's plans come first.**

**We are called to live a God-centered life, not a self-centered life!**

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**We can't call ourselves Christians and then live a me-centered life ... it offends God!**