

Do Not Slander One Another

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James 4:1-12

Where I live, many raise chickens for commercial use. Chickens attack the weaker, wounded in the flock, often pecking them to death. To prevent this, chicken farmers have installed yellow lights in their coops. Why? Chickens have poor eyesight and under the yellow lights they cannot know which chickens are ill and/or diseased.

James 4 says, "Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it."

Sadly the church resembles the chicken coop. Others often attack brothers and sisters who have stumbled rather than encouraging and building them up. We slander one another with sarcasm, gossip and innuendo, not realizing that we are tearing down instead of building; that we are speaking against the law and judging against it. Isn't it time to install some yellow lights in our sanctuaries, classrooms and fellowship areas?

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