

Patience commanded, reasons given	How to respond and why	1:2-12	“...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...” “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...” Why? God’s promises
	How NOT to respond and why	1:13-18	“Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted of God...” Why? God’s and man’s character
How to be patient: (1:19-21 is the outline) “...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...”	Swift to hear	1:22-2:26	“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
	Slow to speak	3:1-18	“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity...” “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”
	Slow to wrath	4:1-5:6	“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”
The triad is reversed (with patience)	(see next slide)	5:7-20	(see next slide)

Treasure hunt questions

What are the two responsibilities of the elders in this passage?

Why did Elijah pray about the draught?

Is erring from the truth erring in your way?

What does it mean to cover someone's sin?

Structure of 5:7-20

Slow to wrath

7-11: Be patient for God's judgments and rewards, and don't complain against those who offend you.

12-13: Honor God with your speech in all situations

14-16: To help a bedridden man, the elders should pray for him and restore him to repentance.

17-18: Motivation to pray

19-20: Motivation to restore to repentance

Slow to speak

Swift to hear

Two duties of elders with corresponding Encouragement

Elijah prays about the draught

1 Kings 16:33

And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

1 Kings 17:1

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

1 Kings 18:37

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Elijah prays for rain

1 Kings 18:41-45

And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. ⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, ⁴³ And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. ⁴⁴ And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. ⁴⁵ And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

Me putting myself above the law
(and judging it)

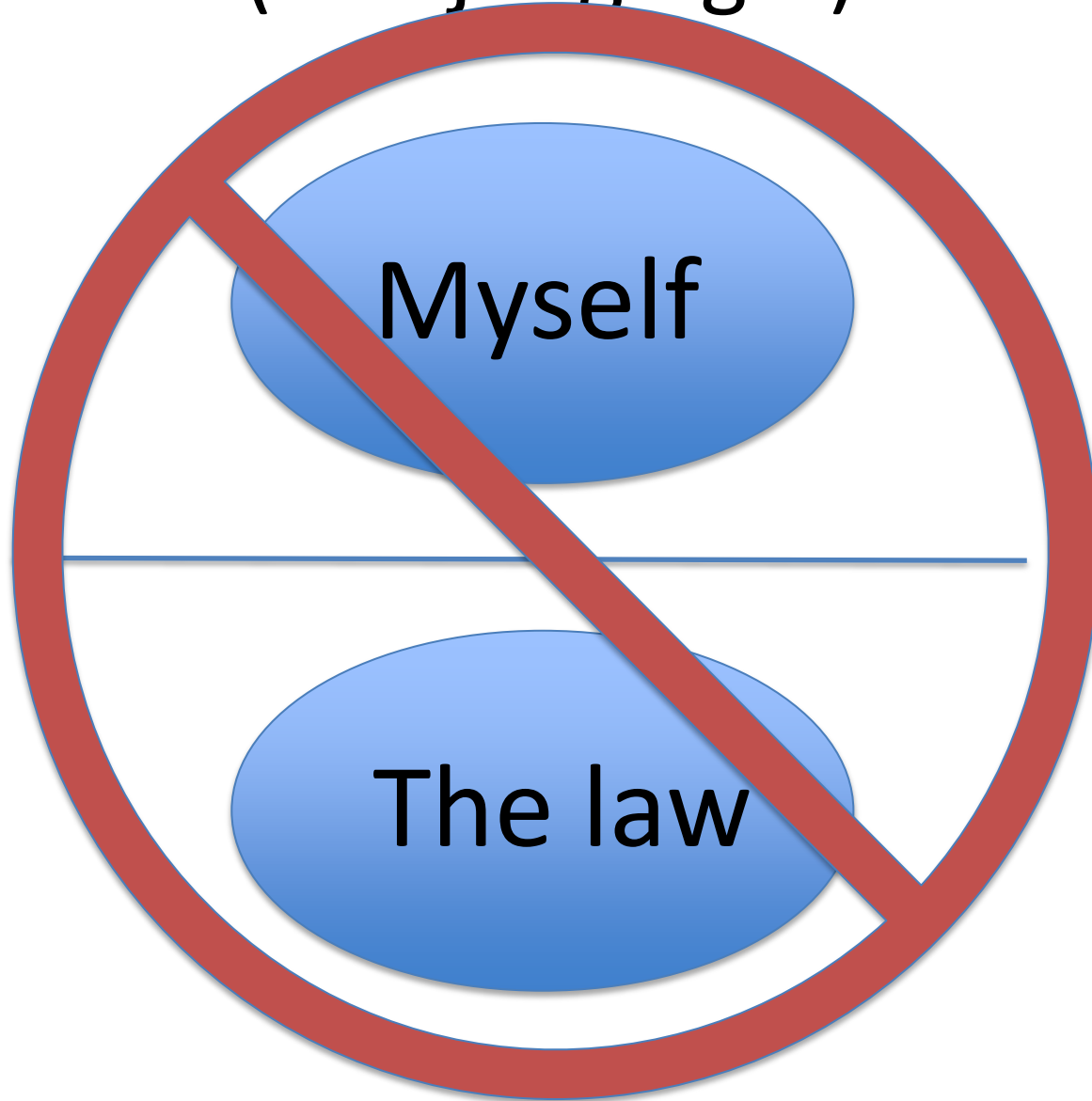


Myself



The law

Me putting myself above the law
(and judging it)



Me subjugated to the law
(being a doer)



The law



Myself

Sin unto death

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

James 1:15

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Three levels of judgment

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

³¹ For if we would judge ourselves,
(correcting one another)

we should not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we
are chastened of the Lord,
(sickness or death)

that we should not be condemned with the world.
(hellfire)