

THE DANGER OF PLAYING GOD

James 4:11-17

Playing God is a dangerous game that nobody wins.

Stop playing God in relation to OTHERS. (4:11-12)

To slander others is to elevate ourselves above God's law. (11)

To judge others is to elevate ourselves above God's authority. (12)

Stop playing God in relation to YOURSELF. (4:13-17)

It is presumptuous to plan our lives as if God had nothing to do with them. (13-15)

We don't know for sure what will happen tomorrow. (13-14a)

We don't know for sure that we'll be here tomorrow. (14b-15)

It is arrogant to live our lives as if God had nothing to do with them. (16-17)

We wind up doing what we ought not to do—sins of commission. (16)

We wind up not doing what we ought to do—sins of omission. (17)