

“The Perils Of Pride (Pt. 2): Other Warnings”
(#14 in the “Where The Rubber Meets The Road” series)

James 4:11-17

- I. A warning against malicious _____ (James 4:11-12)
- a. The _____ (vs. 11a)
- i. James’ caution/command here is referring to speaking against others in a _____, slanderous, defaming way.
- ii. To ignore this warning is _____ to the testimony we present to a lost and dying world! ☹
- b. The _____: James gives us 2 reasons behind this command:
- i. It disrespects God’s _____. (vs. 11b)
(Leviticus 19:16 – “***Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.***”)
(Matthew 7:1 – “***Judge not, that ye be not judged.***”)
- i. To break God’s law in this area indicates a low _____ for its authority over us.
- ii. It disrespects God _____. (vs. 11c-12)
- i. James emphasizes that our responsibility is to _____ by God’s law.
- ii. However, the believers James was addressing here had effectively _____ themselves from the law and had presumptuously put themselves in _____ place as a judge!
- iii. God is the only one _____ to judge since He’s the one who created the law/standards. The authority is His and His alone as _____ and _____. (Matthew 10:28 – “***And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***”)

- II. A warning against misplaced _____ (James 4:13-16)
- a. The _____ (vs. 13)
- i. The people James refers to here would make these plans *without any regard for* _____. (Proverbs 27:1 – “***Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.***”)
- b. The _____ (vs. 14)
- i. None of us knows what tomorrow holds- only _____ in His infinite wisdom/knowledge does.
- ii. And, in the grand scheme of things, our lives are _____ (i.e. a “vapor”- a wisp of smoke/steam)- contrary to how it seems to us! (I Peter 1:24 – “***For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:***”)
- c. The _____ (vs. 15): In light of this, our attitude/mindset should be that our plans are subject to the _____ of the Lord at all times.
- d. The _____ (vs. 16): James condemns their _____, boasting spirit.
- III. A warning against meditated _____ (James 4:17)
- a. The _____
- i. It could be a sin of _____. (i.e. they do the exact opposite of what they’re supposed to do)
- ii. It could be a sin of _____. (i.e. they fail to do what they know they’re supposed to do)
- b. The declaration: No matter how it’s done, ***IT IS*** _____!
- i. While the specific context of this verse was probably in reference to the things that James had just addressed with his readers, it can also be taken in a general sense as well. God has given us His Word to show us what’s right. To _____ it in any way is ***SIN***- it’s as simple as that! (John 19:41 – “***Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.***”)