

“PLAYING GOD WITH OTHERS”

James 4:11-12

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- Four statements, from James’ letter, that establish today’s context: 1:19-20; 2:12-13; 3:2; 3:9.
- James deals with our tendency to take the place of God in others’ lives. He reveals the objective and rules, and provides an evaluation of it.

I. THE OBJECTIVE.

Imagine yourself as superior to others, and put them down in various ways.

II. THE RULES. 4:11

If you want to play God with others, you:

A. Speak against others.

“To talk down” (speak down on; running each other down).

This includes:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

B. Judge others.

“To pronounce condemnation upon someone.”

Reasons for not doing this:

1. _____.
2. _____.

III. THE EVALUATION. 4:11-12

Believers should avoid playing this game because:

- A. _____ . 11
James 1:2, 19; 2:1, 5, 14; 3:1, 10; Romans 12:10; Galatians 6:10; Titus 3:11-12
- B. _____ . 11
James 2:8; John 13:34; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14
- C. _____ . 11b-12a
Romans 12:17, 19-21
- D. _____ . 12b

CONCLUSION

1. _____.
2. _____.