

Text: James 4:11-17  
Topics: Boasting, Judging, Planning, Slander  
Series: Genuine Faith on the Anvil of Life.

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## Judge, or Not?

### I. Judging Others (11-12)

Don't do it!

(In a spirit of worldliness; 4:1-10)

### II. Judging Opportunities (13-17)

Don't let your plans and profits be directed by pride,  
and not the will of God.

We sin when we don't do what we know is right.

(It's why we need Christ!)

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Which are you more likely to fall into, pride, or slander? Why?

2. What is James warning against in James 4:11?  
Give some examples of what this might look like in the modern church.

Have you been guilty of this, or the victim? What happened?

3. What reasons does James give his readers for why they need to stop this in verses 11 & 12. Explain his reasoning in your own words.  
(See also 2:8, 12, 13; and Romans 14:4, 12-13)

How would you answer the person who says Scripture tells us to judge the sinners in our midst and points to James 5:19-20; Matthew 7:1-5; 18:15-17; and 1 Cor 5:12-13?

4. Read James 4:13-16. Is there something wrong with planning to go to a city to conduct business and make a profit? What concern does James have?

Put verse 14 in your own words. What purpose would it serve to put this statement here?

Do you tag the phrase, "If it's Your will" onto some of your prayers? Should this always be done? Explain your answer.

5. Read James 5:17. What are some of the "right things" in this letter?

Have you failed to do some of these "right things"?

What attitude is James putting forth for his readers so they don't fall into some of the sinful actions he identifies? What helps you keep this attitude?