

**The Danger of Playing God**  
James 4:11-17

**I. We are not to assume the role of God in relation to others. 4:11-12**

1. We should not speak against others (4:11) outward action.
2. We should not judge others (4:12) inward attitude.

**II. We are not to assume the role of God in relation to ourselves. 4:13-17**

1. It leads to presumption. (4:13)
  - a. about opportunity
  - b. about mobility
  - c. about geography
  - d. about durability
  - e. about prosperity
2. It leads to deception. 4:14-15
  - a. We have no knowledge of tomorrow. 4:14
  - b. We have no assurance of a long life. 4:14
  - c. We have no right to ignore God's will. 4:15
3. It leads to transgression. 4:16-17