

Series: "TALK IS CHEAP"
Part 8: "RIGHT OUT OF THE DANGER ZONES"
Crossroads Community Church
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¹⁰ *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*
James 4:10 (NIV)

3 Danger Zones to Avoid:

¹¹ *Brothers, do not slander one another.* James 4:11a (NIV)

1. A _____

Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. James 4:11b (NIV)

¹² *There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbor?*
James 4:12 (NIV)

How to Avoid the Danger Zone:

➤ **The _____ Test**

²⁹*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

2. _____ plans

¹³ *Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."*
James 4:13 (NIV)

¹⁴ *Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.* James 4:14 (NIV)

¹⁵ *Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."* James 4:15 (NIV)

How to Avoid the Danger Zone:

➤ **Be mindful of our _____ and _____**

⁴ *"Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.* Psalm 39:4 (NIV)

¹ *Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you.* James 5:1 (NIV)

3. _____ use of _____

² *Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.* James 5:2-3 (NIV)

⁴ *Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.* James 5:4 (NIV)

⁵ *You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.⁶ You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.* James 5:5-6 (NIV)

How to Avoid the Danger Zone:

➤ _____ and _____

¹⁹*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:
