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Christians Playing God

James 4:11-17

- 1) Intro: the same problems from the ancient church exist in the modern church
 - a) Grumbling in the midst of God-ordained trials (1:2-12)
 - b) Blaming God for our own sinful ways (1:13-18)
 - c) Hearing the word of God but failing to obey it (1:19-27; 2:14-26)
 - d) Showing partiality; prejudice (2:1-13)
 - e) Fights & squabbles stemming from jealousies (3:13—4:3)
 - f) Friendship with the world; spiritual adultery (4:4)
 - g) Using our tongues to slander, revealing our evil hearts (3:1-12; 4:11-12)
 - h) Presumptuous living; ignoring God's sovereignty (4:13-17)
- 2) Two sins with which all Christians continue to struggle (4:11-17)
 - a) Playing judge over our fellow Christians (11-12)
 - i) Slandering fellow Christians is tantamount to slandering God
 - ii) Confronting righteously is necessary (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5)
 - iii) Spotting false teachers is crucial (Matt. 7:15; 24:11, 24; 1 John 4:1)
 - b) Playing king over our own lives (13-16)
 - i) Ignoring God's word about His sovereignty
 - ii) Managing marriage & family w/o Scripture
 - iii) Managing finances & retirement to our own benefit
- 3) Application (4:17)
 - a) Know the right thing to do
 - b) Do the right thing; no excuses