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- With People
- With God's Law of Love
- With <u>God</u>

The posture from which we evaluate good and bad behavior must be humility and honest self-evaluation.

If we fail to face our own sin, and instead hide behind a mask of self-righteous pride toward others, then, in our hypocrisy, we will not show <u>mercy</u>, nor will we be a <u>peace-maker</u>. Instead, we will <u>judge</u> with the intent to <u>slander</u>.

It's not that we should never speak into another person's life, it's that it must never be done with a <u>superior</u> or <u>condemning</u> attitude that seeks to slander rather than to <u>restore</u>.

James 5:20 Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

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The kind of planning James condemns involves three prideful acts that quash God's grace in our lives.

<u>Planning</u> without God

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but Yahweh determines his steps.

• Presuming about tomorrow

Life is unpredictable.

Life is **brief**. (cp. **Job 9:25**, **14:1**, **Ps 39:5)**

Isaiah 56:12 "Come," each one cries, "let me get wine! Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even far better."

Proverbs 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Matthew 6:34 Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Psalm 35:15 Lord, my days are in your hands.

• **Procrastinating** with obedience

Proverbs 3:27-28 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow"-- when you now have it with you.

We constantly worry about <u>duration</u>, how long we are going to live. God is concerned about <u>donation</u>, what we do with the time we've got.