

James 4:11-17

1. Warning against slander and being _____ ([James 4:11-12](#))
 - A. Speak evil against - καταλαλέω (katalaleō) - _____, speak against, accuse
 - B. Speaking ill against brother or sisters in Christ is really speaking against the the _____ and the law-giver.
 - C. The concept is to guard the _____ of the Christian community.
2. Warning against _____ ([James 4:13-17](#))
 - A. Don't make statements you can't _____.
 - B. Trust in God's _____, not in human ability.
 - C. Limits on your " _____ "
 - D. Sin is _____ to do what is right.

Discussion Questions

1. What does James mean when he says, "Do not speak evil against one another"? How is this different from offering constructive criticism?
2. How can we discern when it's appropriate to address sin within the Christian community, and how can we do so in a way that honors God?
3. How does judging others affect the unity of the church?
4. How does Jesus' teaching in [Matthew 7:1-5](#) relate to James's message here?
5. What does James mean when he says, "You do not know what tomorrow will bring"? How should this truth shape our perspective?
6. What does it mean to say, "If the Lord wills"? How can we incorporate this attitude into our daily lives?
7. How can we practically acknowledge God's sovereignty in our decision-making?