

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

“PLAYING GOD” in 2020  
DEVOTED - James 4:11-17  
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### 1. “Playing God” with \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers, ***do not slander one another.***

***“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.”*** Matt. 7:1

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.*** 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 4:11-12

- Judging Elevates \_\_\_\_\_
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### PROPER TESTS FOR REDEMPTIVE JUDGEMENT

#### A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TEST

For in ***the same way you judge others***, you ***will be judged***, and with the ***measure you use***, it will ***be measured to you.***

***“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”*** Matt. 7:3-5

#### B. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TEST

***“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.”*** Matt. 18:15

#### C. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TEST

“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.” Gal. 6:1

### 2. “Playing God” with \_\_\_\_\_

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• **INADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE \_\_\_\_\_**

Why, you **do not even know what will happen tomorrow.** (4:14)

• **INSUFFICIENT \_\_\_\_\_**

What is your life? **You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.** (4:14)

**WHAT'S THE SOLUTION? - \_\_\_\_\_**

Instead, you ought to say, **"If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."** As it is, **you boast and brag.** All such **boasting is evil.** James 4:16

**HOW TO QUIT THE GAME OF "PLAYING GOD"?**

Therefore, **the one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.** James 4:17 (NASB)

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