James 4:11-16

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Do I want to take control of my life?

James: Keep the Faith

- 1: Stands the Test
- 2: Loves Impartially
 - Tames the Tongue
- 4: Mourns Sin

Shows Wisdom

Change of Heart

Is Humble

Prays

Acts

Looks to Christ's Return

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11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another.

Anyone who **speaks against** a brother or sister or **judges** them speaks against the **law** and judges it.

When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

James 4:11-16 (NIV) (p.1/4)

12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy.

But you – <mark>who are you</mark> to judge your neighbor?

James 4:11-16 (NIV) (p.2/4)

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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."

> 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 4:11-16 (NIV) (p.3/4)

15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

James 4:11-16 (NIV) (p.4/4)



Faith That Is Humble 1. Control Over Others (v11-12) 2. Control Over the Future (v13,16) 3. Control Over my own Life (v14-15)

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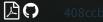
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James 4:12 (NIV)

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Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls.

And he will be **upheld**, for the Lord is <mark>able</mark> to make him stand.

Romans 14:4 (ESV)

How have I judged others?

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"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)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

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James 4:16 (NIV)

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Are my plans for the future predictions, or petitions?

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James 4:14 (NIV)

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27 All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

28 When you **give** it to them, they **gather** it up;

when you **open your hand**, they are **satisfied with good** things.

Psalm 104:27-30 (NIV) (p.1/2)

29 When you hide your face, they are **terrified**; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. 30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Psalm 104:27-30 (NIV) (p.2/2)

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James 4:15 (NIV)

Do l acknowledge God's grace in each breath of life?

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10 (NIV)

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