

**ARE YOU PLAYING GOD?
(James 4:13-17)**

**XIII. APPLYING BY FAITH GOD'S CURE FOR SPEAKING EVIL AMONG
BELIEVERS (4:11-12)**

**XIV. WALKING IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH BY BOASTING IN PRESUMPTUOUS
PLANNING (JAMES 4:13-17)**

**A. Future PREDICTIONS these BELIEVERS were BRAGGING about while
PLAYING GOD. (4:13)**

1. They decided _____ and _____ they would go. (4:13a)
2. They decided _____ long they would stay. (4:13b)
3. They decided _____ they would do. (4:13c)
4. They decided what the _____ would be. (4:13d)

*Who does this remind you of? (14:12-14)

**B. Present REALITIES James reminds them of regarding the UNKNOWN FUTURE
and BREVITY of LIFE. (4:14)**

1. Human beings are not _____. (4:14a)
2. Human beings are _____ and their lives are _____. (4:15bc)

*Luke 12:13-20

C. The **BELIEVERS** proper **PERSPECTIVE** in **PLANNING** for the **FUTURE**. (4:15)

1. The believer in Christ should factor the _____ into all their plans. (4:15a).

*2 Cor. 5:17, 1 Cor. 6:20, 2 Cor. 5:20, Phil. 3:20, 2 Tim. 2:3-4, Hebrews 12:1-2a

2. The believer in Christ should acknowledge that the Lord alone is _____ and ultimately decides how long we will _____ and/or when we will _____. (4:15b)

*Psalm 31:12-16

3. Whatever the believer does – has – or accomplishes is only by the _____ of God. (4:15b)

*1 Corinthians 15:10

D. **PONTIFICATING** about your **FUTURE** apart from the **LORD** is **SINFUL**. (4:16-17)

1. If you _____ with great swelling words about what you are going to do apart from the Lord it is _____. (4:16)
2. If you _____ do your own thing apart from the Lord it is _____. (4:17)

*How does this all apply to you?