

GOD'S "HOW-TO" MANUAL
8 - How to Stop Playing God
James 4:11-5:6

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1. Don't Be Judgmental: It's Not Your Job! 4:11-12.

- It's unloving
- It's unchristian
- It's unbiblical
- It's unjustified
- It's unwise
 - We don't know the whole story
 - We cannot observe/ evaluate motives
 - We cannot know the thoughts/ intents of the heart
- It's unsafe (Matthew 7:1-2)

2. Don't Be Presumptuous: God's the One in Charge! 4:13-17.

- We have no knowledge of tomorrow
- We have no assurance as to how long we will live
- Our plans must always be in submission to God's plans.
- Our plans must always be flexible in order to follow God's leading.

3. Don't Be Oblivious: No One Is Exempt from God's Commands! 5:1-6

- We all are accountable for how we live.
- We all are accountable for how we handle wealth
- We all are accountable for how we treat others