

## The Dangers of Defamation

### James 4:11-12

#### I. Elevating Oneself Above Others. (v.11a)

There is no place for slander in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God or in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people.

#### II. Elevating Oneself Above the Law. (v.11b)

*We judge wrongly:*

1. When our \_\_\_\_\_ are selfish and harmful.
2. When we assume to know all of the pertinent \_\_\_\_\_ and motives behind the person's actions.
3. When we set up human \_\_\_\_\_ to judge by.
4. When we fail to judge \_\_\_\_\_ first.

#### III. Elevating Oneself Above God. (v.12)

When we become judgmental we effectively remove \_\_\_\_\_ from the bench and put \_\_\_\_\_ there in his place.