

“Acceptable” Sins

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1) ABSTAIN FROM SLANDER AND GOSSIP

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



**The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them.
Will Rogers**

**Jesus said, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 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."
Matthew 7:1-5**

2) AVOID PLANNING OUR LIVES PRESUMPTIVELY

**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."
James 4:13**

**The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
Proverbs 21:5**

**Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."
Luke 14:28-30**

**Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3**

**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 4:14**



He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' " But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

Luke 12:17-20

The measure of life, after all, is not its DURATION, but its DONATION.

Peter Marshall

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 4:15-16

For everything in the world -- the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does -- comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:16-17

I will come back if it is God's will.

Ephesus Acts 18:21

But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have.

1 Corinthians 4:19

Perhaps I will stay with you awhile, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go. I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.

1 Cor 16:6-7

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:6-10

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

James 4:17

Self-sufficiency is putting down others (v. 11)

Self-sufficiency is placing yourself in the very place of God (v. 12)

Self-sufficiency is planning without God (v.13).

Self-sufficiency is failure to recognize the uncertainty of life (v.14).

Self-sufficiency is failure to acknowledge God (v.15).

Self-sufficiency is boasting, bragging, and arrogance (v.16).

Self-sufficiency is sin (v.17).