



What About Tomorrow?

—James 4:13-17

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Aim Of This Lesson—

For us to understand that we do not have the power or control over tomorrow.

God is in control.

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Scripture text:

James 4:13-17_{niv}

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. 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. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

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James just said

PAY ATTENTION...

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James shares three concepts concerning tomorrow:

- 1) Never assume that tomorrow will be like today.**
- 2) Have complete dependence on God.**
- 3) Do what is right today.**

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- You can have the best laid plans, and planning is not the problem!
- The problem is that we act like we have power over the outcome of life.
- NEW RULE, do not say “That cannot Happen”.

Example: Babylonian Empire falling (Persians)

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James 4:14 niv

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- What is your life?
- Our bodies were not created to be permanent.
- We need to take advantage of what we have today.
 - So what does James want us to do?

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2. Have complete dependence on God.

James 4:15-16 niv

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- Vs. 15—Express what we need to do now
- Our bodies were not created to be permanent.
- God want us to believe words, “If it is the Lord’s will.
 - Jesus/Paul regularly said these words
—Acts 18:21, Romans 1:10,
Matthew 26:39

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2. Have complete dependence on God.

- The Christian understands that everything in life is by the Will of God and by the Power of God.
 - If it is the Lord's will, we will live.
 - If it is the Lord's will, we will do this or that.
- God can wreck your plans.

Luke 12:16-20 *niv*

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ ²⁰ “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

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3. Do what is right today.

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- We do not know what tomorrow will bring. We do not know what our life because it is just as mist. What are we to do?
- We need to do right today because we do not know that we will have the opportunity to do right tomorrow.
 - We must always live with reference to the will of God acknowledging every breathe, blessing and plan is granted to us by God.

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The Plan of Salvation

Hear

Romans 10:13-17

Believe

John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess

Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

Baptism

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



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