

**Be Bold**  
**James- Life Plans**

**I. Planning with God(James 4:13-17)**

- a. James describes a guy the world would say “has a good life”
- b. A Career is not the guarantee of a better tomorrow.
  - i. Vs. 14 We live for what we believe gives us a better tomorrow.
    - 1. We can say God is in control, but James brings us to a place to recognize if we really believe it.
    - 2. Your planning displays if you really believe God is in control
- c. A career does not ultimately control your future.
  - i. Vs. 16 we boast because we fool ourselves into believing we are in control
  - ii. Vs. 17 We get spiritually lazy and plan apart from God.
    - 1. Those described in verse 17 aren’t deliberately disobeying they simply aren’t following.
    - 2. Vs. 17 is the sin of Omission.
- d. God is in control and each day is a gift.
  - i. Vs. 15 Everyday given to you is a gift of Grace.
    - 1. Don’t live like you control your future
    - 2. Understand God’s will
      - a. (2 Cor. 8: 5, 1 Thess. 5: 16– 18, Col. 1: 9, Eph 5:17, Rom 12:2)
    - 3. Understand the Result of God’s will
      - a. you enjoy a deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ (Mark 3: 35).
      - b. You have the privilege of knowing God’s truth (John 7: 17)
      - c. you are seeing your prayers answered (1 John 5: 14– 15).
      - d. There is an eternal quality to the life and works of the one who does the will of God (1 John 2: 15– 17).
      - e. Certainly, there is the expectation of reward at the return of Jesus Christ (Matt. 25: 34).
- e. What is your life? Vs. 14
  - i. If you can answer this question correctly you can live life in a godly way.
  - ii. This passage isn’t saying don’t make plans but rather make plans in light of God and hold your plans open handed before Him.

**II. Living without God (James 5:1-6)**

- a. When you begin to remove Jesus and his purpose for your life from your career, you are left with an ungodly future.
- b. Godless wealth
  - i. Vs. 4 People become slaves and the rich get richer
  - ii. Vs. 6 The wealthy manipulate the courts.
- c. Godless Spending
  - i. Vs. 3 stored up their wealth for self (See also 2 Cor. 12: 14, 1 Tim 5:8; and Matt 25:27).
  - ii. Vs4 . kept wealth from benefiting others. (see 1 Corinthians 4:2)
  - iii. Vs. 5 they lived in luxury (Luke 12:15; 1 Tim 6:17)
    - 1. Luxury is considered being wasteful in this passage,
- d. Godless Results
  - i. Their riches will vanish 2-3a
  - ii. Their character eroded vs. 3
  - iii. Judgment is certain James 5:3,5 (see also James 5:9 and Eph 5:16) Conclusion:

Conclusion: Matthew 26:6-13