



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
PLANNING GOD'S WAY
JAMES 4:13-17

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1. Submit _____
(vv. 13-14)

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

James 4:13-17 (ESV)

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

2. Grasp _____
(vv. 16-17)

3. Live _____
(v. 15)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Out of the five ways to submit your plans to God from point 1, which one do you need to work on the most? How will you start that process?
2. **Read Romans 12:2.** In what ways do you need to “renew your mind” and not be “conformed to this world” so that you can better discern God’s will? What’s one Bible verse that you could memorize to help this process?
3. **Read Proverbs 12:15 and Proverbs 15:22.** Do you discuss important life plans with other Christians before making big decisions? If not, why not? How can you start?
4. Do you need to repent from any sins of omission? If so, describe the problem. How will you start doing what you’ve been neglecting?
5. **Read Proverbs 6:6-11.** Wise planning is a good thing, and God applauds it. How can you plan wisely while avoiding the temptation to make those plans non-negotiable?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

MacArthur, John. *Found: God’s Will*. David C Cook, 2012.
 DeYoung, Kevin. *Just Do Something*. Moody Publishers, 2014.
 Sproul, R.C.. *The Holiness of God*. Tyndale Momentum, 2000.
 Moo, Douglas. *The Letter of James*. Eerdmans, 2000.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our congregation would have a high view of God and submit to His sovereign will in their lives.
 Pray for the leaders of this church, that they will lead with wisdom and always submit to God’s plans for CBCTV.
 Pray that our church would always remain focused on its mission to make disciples.
 Pray for Family Weekend to be a time that strengthens marriages at CBCTV.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground Project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
9/20	Isaiah 9-12	Psalms 107:33-43	Luke 20:27-47	Hebrews 3:7-19
9/21	Isaiah 13-15	Psalms 108:1-6	Luke 21:1-9	Hebrews 4
9/22	Isaiah 16-20	Psalms 108:7-13	Luke 21:10-24	Hebrews 5
9/23	Isaiah 21-24	Psalms 109:1-10	Luke 21:25-33	Hebrews 6:1-12
9/24	Isaiah 25-27	Psalms 109:11-20	Luke 21:34-38	Hebrews 6:13-20
9/25	Isaiah 28-30	Psalms 109:21-31	Luke 22:1-13	Hebrews 7:1-10