

Calendars & Checkbooks

(James 4:13-5:6)

We have been working our way through the Book of James this summer. His message: To become mature in the faith, you first need to see all the ways you need to grow. So...**look at your life**. Notice how you respond to difficulties, to temptations, to God's Word, to people who are different. Pay attention to how well you actually **put** your faith into action (as opposed to just *saying* you believe a bunch of things about God). Notice what comes out of your mouth. Examine closely your relationships.

This week, James will expand this "look at your life" idea even further. The way you plan out your life—what does *that* say about who's calling the shots in your life? And your handling of wealth—what does *that* reveal about your true spiritual condition?

Mature disciples surrender the _____ to God (4:13-17).

Mature disciples surrender their _____ to God (5:1-6).

• *Don't view _____ as _____.*

• *Put your hope in God, not in _____.*

• *Don't _____ —much less _____ others financially—_____!*

Who's in control of *your* calendar and checkbook?

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