

# James - Practical Living

## 11 - Commission, Omission, & Submission

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am **\*\*LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am **\*\*LIVE In House Welcome –**

**WELCOME to The Peak CC**

**Welcome our Church Online Platform –**

**We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.**

**If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out**

**\*Online Connect Card \*      -> RightNow Media**

10:30 AM **\*\*Announcements Video** - Tithing

**10:32am LIVE SHOT** – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

*The Peak Journey:* 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

*Sunday School:* 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

*Life Groups Home Groups* 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku

*Men's Fellowship* 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - THANK YOU - Lynn's Move, Breakfast

*True North Youth Ranch* - HAY DRIVE - Program Thursday

**VIDEO - Sermon Bump / Intro \*The Book of James**

**Recap: Empty Grave: How Then Shall We Live? lessons learned -  
From Pain to Purpose  
From Death to Life - 1st Fruits  
Be About it  
Words Have Power (twice)  
Up & Down Wisdom  
L'eggo My EGO - The Stealth of PRIDE  
To Judge or NOT to Judge**

**app: Plug - giving platform - dog days of summer - continued support**

**TODAY: James 4:13-17**

**Do Not Boast About Tomorrow**

**Come now, you who say, “*Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit*”; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, “*If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.*” 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.**

**17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**

## *Opening Prayer*

### **Difference Between Pride and Arrogance**

**Pride is when a person feels satisfied with his abilities or possessions. Arrogance is when a person has an inflated opinion of his abilities or possessions. The difference between the two is that while pride is normal and is justified because a person has a special ability, arrogance is not.**

**According to today's passage... Arrogance can lead us to believe & have false expectations.**

**Jacob has nothing against making plans, ...but he does condemn the arrogance of those who think they can make their plans without reference to God.**

**We must recognize that we do not control what will happen tomorrow and that our very lives are nothing more than “a mist,” or smoke, that quickly vanishes.**

**Job 7:7**    NKJV

**Oh, remember that my life is a breath!**

**My eye will never again see good.**

**Psalm 102:3**      NKJV

**For my days are consumed like smoke,  
And my bones are burned like a hearth.**

**Our days, the Bible says, is like a “*sigh*” in the light of eternity**

**When we recognize who we are before God, we will see the need to consider the Lord's Will in everything we do. The very continuation of our lives depends on his will.**

**When James encourages us to say “if the Lord wills” he does NOT mean, of course, that the simple repetition of these words in our prayers takes care of the need. Rather, we are consciously to place all our plans and hopes under the lordship of Christ, recognizing that he is the one who prospers or NOT.**

**James condemns rich business owners for their arrogant self-confidence; he accuses them of acting as though they alone determine the course of their lives, apart from God**

**Pr 27:1**      NKJV

**Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.**

**With a principle that has wide applications, Jacob concludes the paragraph by reminding us that sin consists in not just in doing those things we should not, (SINS OF COMMISSION)**

**The List of Don'ts... Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not Murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery... We know things we shouldn't do, are forbidden to do...**

**Jacob also points out that SIN is also failing to do those things that we should. (SINS OF OMISSION) NOT DOING those things we KNOW we're supposed to do.**

**How many opportunities do we miss in a day because we're in a hurry, we're too busy, too occupied, too tired?**

**We're too cranky, too stressed, too broke, too NUMB, desensitized....**

**Jacob's readers are now responsible for putting into practice the attitude he has just set forth.**

**The ONLY way we resolve commission & omission is by coming to God in SUBMISSION...**

**Remember v 7-10?**

**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**

**Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.**

**These commands frame three pairs of imperatives**

**First, we are to “resist the devil” and “come near to God.” Each is accompanied by a promise: the devil will flee and God will draw near to us**

**Second, like Old Testament priests, we are to “wash [our] hands”; to seek forgiveness for, and put away from us, outward sins. And at the same time, the inner attitude must be made right—our hearts are to be purified.**

**Third, using the language of the Old Testament prophets Jacob commands us to mourn deeply and sincerely for the sin that separates us from God (v. 9).**

**True Christian joy comes not with the ignoring of sin, but with the experience of the forgiveness of sin; and we have to see the serious effects of our sin before we can truly turn from it and find forgiveness. Jesus similarly pronounced a blessing on**

**“those who mourn” (Matt. 5:4) and warned, “Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep” (Luke 6:25)**

**As we examine our lives... search it in light of the scriptures... where has PRIDE set in? Where has arrogance played a part?**

***How engaged & active is the Person of The Holy Spirit involved in your life?***

**Obedience requires us to humble ourselves to surrender to the authority of another, and we are told that God resists pride—the opposite of humility—and the arrogance that fosters that pride.**

**Having a humble and submissive heart is a choice we make. That means as born-again believers we daily make a choice to submit ourselves to God for the work that the Holy Spirit does in us to "conform us to the image of Christ." God will use the situations of our lives to bring us the opportunity to submit to Him**

**Romans 8:28-29 NKJV**

**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**



## **CALL TO ACTION**

**The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?**

**Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..**

### **Closing Prayer**

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you,**

**The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.””**

**I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!**

**The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Jas 4:13–17.**

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**The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Pr 27:1.**

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