

SERMON NOTES:

Recalculating | Part 1: What You Will

We thought we were in control, but we're not. The control we thought we had has only ever been an illusion.

Lamentations 3:37 (NLT)

³⁷Who can command things to happen without the Lord's permission?

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT)

²¹You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

It's our own human arrogance that hangs us out to dry when rain is in the forecast.

We must understand, embrace, and accept the truth that God is in control of our everyday lives.

James 4:13-17 (NASB)

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." ¹⁴Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. ¹⁵Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." ¹⁶But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. ¹⁷Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 3:13 (NLT)

¹³If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 4:6 (NLT)

⁶And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:10 (NLT)

¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

ARROGANCE OF KNOWLEDGE. (4:13)

Arrogance in knowledge occurs when we assume that we control time and events.

"What else is there besides time ('today or tomorrow'), purpose ('we will go'), place ('to this or that city'), goals ('to carry on business') and reward ('make money')?" ~ Douglas D. Webster

Goal: Move from self-reliance to grace-reliance.

ARROGANCE OF ATTITUDE. (4:15-16)

Jeremiah 10:23 (NLT)

²³ I know, Lord, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course.

Arrogance of behavior occurs when we know God's will, but do our own thing.

ARROGANCE OF BEHAVIOR. (4:17)

¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 1:22 (NLT)

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 2:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

³ Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.