

**Message Notes (June 4/7, 2026)**

**Series: American Idols**

**“Control”**

**James 4:13-17**

**Control is an interesting idol because it manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.**

**At its core, the idol of control is really the idol of \_\_\_\_\_, and it can show up in our hearts every single day.**

**3 Symptoms of Worshiping the Idol of Control**

**James 4:13**

**Symptom #1 – Relying on \_\_\_\_\_, Rather than God**

**Cure: Anchor our Goals in \_\_\_\_\_ and Invite God to \_\_\_\_\_ our steps. (James 4:15-16)**

**Symptom #2 – Taking Life for Granted  
(James 4:14, 16)**

**Cure: Live Fully in the \_\_\_\_\_, Taking One Day At a Time**

**Symptom #3 – Postponing Doing Good, Because You \_\_\_\_\_ You Have Time (James 4:17)**

**Cure: Do Not Miss the Opportunity to Do Good Now**

**To whom are you bowing before today – God or self?**