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## James 4:15-16

Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.

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1. There is a God who is in control  
and You are not him.

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We tend to think that the more we can control, the less worry and concern we will have. In reality, the more we try to control, the more worry and concern we have.

Walking with Jesus is not about inviting Him  
into your plans but about us submitting  
to His plans!



Many express doubt in God that is rooted in God not "helping them" with their plans.

Isa 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning,  
And from ancient times things which have not been  
done, Saying, '**My purpose will be established,**  
**And I will accomplish all My good pleasure**';

Misplaced expectations about God are  
resentments, frustrations, and doubt waiting to  
happen.

## 2. Life is short

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John Harris  
1955 - 2025

Sharon Collins  
1985 - 2025

Robert Winslow  
1995 - 2025

## Ecc1 7:2

It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, because that is the end of every man, And the living takes it to heart.

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3. Redeem the time by doing what you know  
God wants you to do.

Have you given control of your life to God