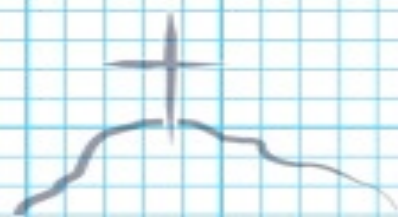


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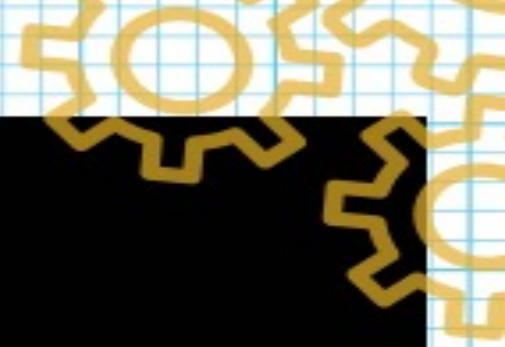


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# James 4:13-17



<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” —

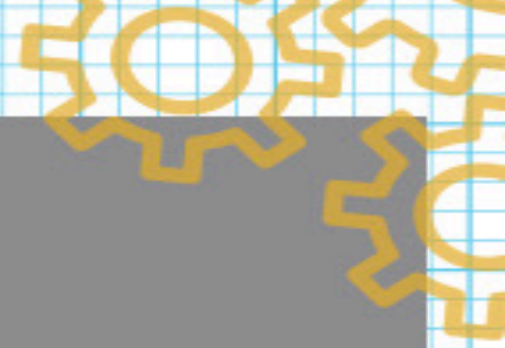
<sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.



<sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

<sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

<sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.



## **BOAST - 13**

- "Come Now" – literally – "Go Now" – "Come On"
- Self-Confidence
- 5 Controls...
  - Today and tomorrow
  - Go somewhere specific
  - Have a year (set time)
  - Do your job
  - Make a profit

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**The Problem is much of what we believe is often more on comfort or our culture's tradition than on the Bible!**

**- Francis Chan**



## **BLEAK - 14**

- “YET” – In Contrast....
- Vapor – Puff of Steam
- Disciples ask about future...
  - Jesus responds with – “Not yours to know.”
- World’s Definition – This is Bleak News...
  - Followers – This is BEST NEWS!

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**“Are you doing it for God, or are you doing it for YOU in God's name?”**

**- Paul Washer**





## **BELIEVE – 15-16**

- Two Open Hands
- Lord's Will!
- Yoke – Feels
  - Controlled or Captured
- Yoke – Really
  - Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

*Matt 11:28-30*



## **BUILD – 17**

- Looking at our future-
  - Knowing what to do and NOT doing it is SIN!
- We must Submit, Surrender, and Seek Him!
- God is GOOD!
- Apostle John - 1 John 5:3

*"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." (Yoke)*

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**"What we need is not an explanation of the Word & world that puts more information in our heads; we need an experience with the Word in the world that penetrates the recesses of our hearts."**

- David Platt

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You DO NOT NEED another sermon,  
another lesson, another conversation

What you need IS JESUS!