

NUTS AND BOLTS: WEEK 6, FACE IT!

James 4:13-17

When facing your future...

I. NEVER MAKE PLANS WITHOUT GOD.

James 4:13 “Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money.”

What you do? Include God in every plan you make.

James 4:15 “Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

Proverbs 16:1 “We may make our plans, but God has the last word.”

Proverbs 16:9 (Living Bible) “We should make plans – counting on God to direct us.”

II. NEVER PRESUME ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.

James 4:14-16 “Why, you don’t even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.”

Isaiah 56:12 “Come,” each one cries, “... Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even better!”

Proverbs 27:1 “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”

What to do? Live one day at a time

Matthew 6:34 (Living Bible) “So don’t be anxious about tomorrow – God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time.”

III. NEVER PUT OFF DOING GOOD.

James 4:17 “Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it sins.”

What to do? “Do it now.”

Proverbs 3:27-28 “Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow’ – when you now have it with you.”

Luke 12:16-20 – A foolish man

2 Corinthians 6:2 (Living Bible) “RIGHT NOW God is ready to welcome you. TODAY He is ready to save you!”