

One Play at a Time

James 4:13-17 | October 26, 2025

James' plan for living a better life:

Adjust our priorities—don't be consumed by mere activity. (James 4:13) Barrenness of the Three C's

- » Calendar
- » Career
- » Cash

Accept life's brevity—don't miss out on today's opportunities.

(James 4:14; Psalm 39:4-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 16:33)

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

(Psalm 90:12 NLT)

Align with the Lord's Sovereignty—don't try to drive your own life. (James 4:15: Proverbs 3:5-6)

Aspire for something greater—don't focus on titles over testimonies. (James 4:13, 16)

Act with urgency—don't delay in doing what's right. (James 4:17)

What's the play you need to make today?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blood Drive on Oct. 27 at Noon Men's Event on Nov. 2 at 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Baskets due back on Nov. 9



STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share a time when you had to let go of control in a situation and trust someone else to lead. How did it feel?

A DEEPER DIVE:

Read James 4:13-17.

- What attitude is James warning against? How do you see this same mindset reflected in our culture today?
- When you think about your own plans, where do you tend to leave God out of the planning?
- Reflect on the "Barrenness of the 3 C's." How can we discern between God-directed activity and mere busyness in our lives?
- James says our life is like a "mist." How does that perspective change the way you think about your time, relationships, and goals?
- What does it mean to say, "If it is the Lord's will"? How do we integrate this teaching with the other teachings James has given us on action and a faith that works?
- Reflect on the illustration that contrasts the differences between titles and testimonies. What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind, and what mindset shift will it take to lead you there?
- James says that knowing the good we ought to do and not doing it is sin. What 'good' have you been putting off, and what's holding you back from acting on it?
- Why is it important not to delay in spiritual matters? Are there areas in your life where you've been putting off obedience?

THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:

Identify one opportunity you've been putting off and commit to taking action on it this week.

