# THE BOOK OF JAMES James 4:13-17 Rooted Undistracted



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# Key Words To Remember:

- Trials
- Wisdom
- Faith
- Endurance
- Temptations
- · Hear & Do
- True Religion
- No Partiality
- · Alive & Dead Faith
- The Tongue
- Relationships In The Church



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### James 4:13-17

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"—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. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.



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### Who's Plans?

### Natural Desire

- · Lack of living by faith
- Loving money
- Pursuing the world's goals



### Who's Plans?

Natural Desire Warning Remembered

- Luke 12:13-34
  - Parable of the rich fool
  - Don't be anxious for nothing
- Matthew 6:19-34
  - Laying your treasures in heaven
    - Security versus destruction
    - Healthy eyes in viewing the world
    - One master... which one?
    - Don't be anxious for life



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# Who's Plans?

Natural Desire Warning Remembered God's Design

- God is our provider
- God is our sustainer
- God knows all
- God hears and responds
  - Matthew 7:7-11
  - Ask, seek, knock



What Does Your Plans Reveal About Your Heart, Your Faith, & Your Passion?



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# WHO'S TIME?

Our Time Frame

- 24/7/365
- No one knows the certainty of the next moment
- Arrogance takes control
  - Not depending on God
  - Expecting God to bless your plans



### WHO'S TIME?

Our Time Frame Reality Of Life

- You are a mist
- Appears a little time then vanishes

Proverbs 27:1

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.



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Psalm 102:3

For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.



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Job 7:7

"Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good."



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# WHO'S TIME?

Our Time Frame Reality Of Life Trust Placed

- Uncertainty of what is next
- · Certainty of God
- Following God's will
  - Holy Spirit
  - Scripture
  - Prayer
  - The Body



SELF INFLICTED CHAOS OR GROWING IN FAITH?



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# Who's RIGHT?

### **God Knows**

- God pursues
- God loves
- God protects
- Godly character grows as dependency on God grows



### Who's RIGHT?

God Knows
Boosting In Self-sufficiency

- Arrogance
- Focus not on God or His glory
- Our kingdom over God's kingdom



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# Who's RIGHT?

God Knows Boosting In Self-sufficiency Sinful Root

- Knowing the right actions
- Failing to follow consistently
- Sin is going against God's design
- Sin breaks intimacy



Stress Or Rest?
Arrogance Or Surrender?
Fear Or Peace?

