

HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS  
How Do You Look At Your Life?  
James 4:13-17  
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Is your life yours to do with as you wish?

We cannot know what is next for us.

We make plans but we must also recognize God has a plan for our lives.

**THE BEST LAID PLANS**

*V 13 "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."*

James noticed that these men were not including God in their plans.

They were behaving, as practical atheists.

The psalmist reminds us it all belongs to God.  
*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2 for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.* Psalm 24:1-2 NIV

**A LIFE IS A BRIEF MOMENT IN TIME**

*V 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

How we live our life now will determine where we spend eternity.

The meaning here is simple, you only have one life to live, don't squander it.

Only God knows what tomorrow will bring and they have decided to not include God in their planning.

*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Matthew 6:25-27; 33-34 NIV

**OUR LIFE IS IN GOD'S HANDS-IT IS ARROGANT TO BOAST**

*V 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."*

Believers need to trust their plans to God.

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you.* Jeremiah 29:13-14a NIV

When Jesus taught us how to pray He taught us to submit everything to God's will. "Thy will be done."

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

**TO NOT DO WHAT YOU KNOW TO BE RIGHT IS SIN**

*V17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.*

If you live a life of sin, always saying no to God, you are also saying you do not want God's eternity.

James is saying. You are not in charge no matter how elaborate your plans are.

In this life we get to make choices. In the next life we will live an eternity based on those choices.

Choose wisely.