

How to Plan for the Future

James 4:13-17 | May 17, 2020

Wisdom plans life

Context: James 4:1-12 teaches that we should submit ourselves to God and refuse to “play God” by judging or slandering others. Verses 13-17 now add a warning not to play God in regards to planning our lives and businesses.

How should a Christian make plans?

1. View life from a biblical perspective (14).
 - a. It is _____.
 - b. It is _____.

2. Acknowledge _____ in everything (15-16).

3. Do the good that you _____ you should do (17).

Qualification: This is not denouncing a desire to make profit nor any and all planning for the future, but it is denouncing planning that is rooted in _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it hard to keep James' perspective in front of us as we deal with life and planning?
2. Can you think of some positive examples of people who lived and planned in view of God's will rather than themselves as James commands—either in the Bible or in contemporary times?
3. What are some practical ways you can put James 4:13-17 into practice this week?