
#11 “What Is Your Life?”

James 4:13-17

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TO AN
**EXTRAORDINARY
CHRISTIAN LIFE**
- THE BOOK OF
JAMES

Warming Up

1. On a scale of 1 (incredibly slow) to 10 (ridiculously fast), what is the pace of your life these days? How so? What is contributing to this?

Digging In

A presumptuous life is inconsistent with the extraordinary Christian life.

#whatseemstobetheproblemhere (4:13)

2. What exactly is the problem that James attacks in this verse? (Hint: It's NOT that they were doing business and trying to make money.) To what degree is this a problem in your own life? In what specific areas?
3. Pastor Todd said, “Not only should God be welcomed into that part of your life. He must be given the place of preeminence and sovereignty over it.” Discuss what this statement means. What does it actually look like for God to be in that place of preeminence?

#lifeisshort (4:14)

4. First century Roman philosopher Seneca said, “We are always complaining that our days are few and acting as though there would be no end of them.” Agree or disagree? Why is it often difficult for us to see our earthly lives as a “mist”? When you actually pause and reflect on this reality, is it comforting or disheartening? Why?

#deovolente (4:15)

5. Christians frequently throw out maxims like “if God wills it” or “Lord willing.” What are these sayings attempting to get at? Why is it much less about the phrase and much more about your heart? How can Jesus' words in Luke 22:42 serve as a powerful example?

#prideistheproblem (4:16)

6. Why is being prideful about the future utterly ridiculous? See Proverbs 27:1 for more on that. According to 2 Corinthians 12:9 and Galatians 6:14, what are the only things that we boast about?

#callitwhatitis #sin (4:17)

7. Define a “sin of omission,” and come up with some everyday examples. How does this verse address these situations? What “right thing” that you aren't doing currently do you need to do today?

Breaking Out

8. Which point from this message impacted you the most? Why? What is your next step to implement this learning?



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