

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

JAMES 4:13-17

Sermon Questions

1. As human beings we like to plan. (Yes/No)
2. James talks about our attitude toward planning. (Yes/No)

A Rebuke (4:13-14)

3. James is rebuking boastful _____.
4. The businessmen talk with _____-confidence and God-_____.
5. Human beings are limited in _____ and _____.
6. God is all-_____ (omniscient) and ever-_____
(eternal).

A Correction (4:15)

7. Ephesians 1:11 says that God “works all things according to the counsel of his _____.”
8. We need to say “Lord willing” after every sentence. (Yes/No)

A Diagnosis (4:16-17)

9. What is at the root of the businessmen’s boasting? (circle one)
 - i. Arrogance
 - ii. Anxiety
10. There are sins of _____ as well as sins of commission.

List the Two Things You Need to Know:

1. Know God’s _____.
2. Know Your _____.

List the Four Things You Need to Do:

1. _____ Wisely.
2. _____ Dependently and Submissively.
3. Be _____ in the Here and Now.
4. Be _____ in the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have a business? Do you have a boastful attitude about it, or are you humbly planning and praying with recognition of God's sovereign will over it?
2. Do you forget God and His will in other areas of planning in your life? (Personal goals, finances, homeschooling, children, vacations, etc.?) Have you ever prayed submissively about these areas ("Your will be done")? How can you incorporate that into your regular life of prayer?
3. Have you ever studied what the Bible says about God's sovereignty and that he governs all things according to his plan and will? Consider reading a good systematic theology on God's sovereignty (*Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem, *Essentials of Reformed Systematic Theology* by Joel Beeke, etc.).

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Do you have dreams about what you will do in your future? Did you know God is in control of whether or not your dreams will come true? (Not: you can fulfill all your dreams.) You can start praying and giving that dream to God (Pray: "I want to do _____. But your will be done, Father.")
2. Are you faithfully doing what your parents have given you to do each day? God tells you, whatever you find to do, do it with your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
3. Have you put your confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ, who controls the entire universe?