

Don't Plan to be Arrogant

James 4:13-17

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1. Life is uncertain (vv13-14)

- This is not condemning planning
- **Proverbs 21:5, 6:9-11**
- This is not condemning profit
- This is condemning pride
- Life is uncertain, but death is not

2. God is sovereign (v15)

- We don't know what the future holds, but God does
- **Proverbs 27:1, Psalm 39:5-6**
- We can't always know God's will
- **Deuteronomy 29:29**
- The Bible reveals to you what God wants
- God wants you to be saved
- **2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)**
- God wants you to be Spirit-filled
- **Ephesians 5:17-18**
- God wants you to live sanctified
- **First Thessalonians 4:3**
- God wants you to submit to authority
- **First Peter 2:13-15**
- God wants you to suffer if necessary
- **First Peter 3:17**
- God wants you to say thanks
- **First Thessalonians 5:18**
- **Psalm 37:4**

3. Humility is the proper response (v16)

- What we need to ask for is wisdom
- If God blesses our plans, we shouldn't boast
- If God doesn't bless our plans, we shouldn't blame

4. Not to humbly submit to God's sovereignty is sin (v17)

- God has revealed His will in the Bible
- Not obeying is sin