

PROPER PLANNING

James 4:13-17

Introduction:

- Two extremes to planning:
 1. Imp_____ (flying by the seat of your pants)
 2. Totally st_____ (proceeding in a straight jacket)
- The key to proper planning does NOT hinge on our t_____encies BUT on our d_____encies
- Upon what are you depending when you make plans?

Depending upon your plans for your future is foolish (13,14)

- V. 13 singles out those who plan money-making ventures.
 1. The plan unveiled:
 - a. Move to a specific c_____
 - b. Live an entire y_____
 - c. Make a p_____
 2. The plan evaluated in light of two indisputable facts
 - a. No one k_____ what their life will be like tomorrow
 - b. Every person's life is like a v_____ (it is temporary and extremely short)
- Does this mean our life is insignificant? – 2 Tim 2:21; Lk 12:16-21

Depending upon God's desire for your future is wise (15,16)

- Verse 15 states that the Lord has a w_____ concerning a believer's future in this life.
 1. Knowing what God generally desires is revealed in His w_____, the Bible.
 2. Knowing what God specifically desires for you as opposed to someone else is NOT revealed in the Bible
 - a. Is there a right or wrong in every decision? (e.g. which college to attend, what kind of toothbrush to use, etc.)
 - b. If God wants to let you know the specifics, He will! Or He will get you there in His own way!
- The point of verse 15 and 16
 1. We must include God in ALL our p_____.
 2. When we leave God out, we become p_____.

Conclusion - Now that you know what to do in planning, what will you do? (see verse 17)

*Commit your works to the LORD,
and your plans will be established – Prov 16:3*