

Sunday, August 31, 2025

James: Four Errors that Followers of Jesus are Prone to Make
James 4:13-17

Scripture passage: Proverbs 3:1-12

1. A failure to _____ the unpredictable of life.

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."

Proverbs 27:1

2. A failure to _____ the brevity of life.

"Someone in the crowd said to Him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.'"¹⁴ But He said to him, 'Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?'"¹⁵ Then He said to them, 'Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.'"¹⁶ And He told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man was very productive.'¹⁷ And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'"¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry.'"²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'"²¹ So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:13-21

3. A failure to _____ God's will.

"But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their power."

1 Corinthians 4:19

"For I do not wish to see you now just in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits."

1 Corinthians 16:7

4. A failure to _____ the Truth that we know.

Doing the Word:

- **Recognize that God is sovereign, we are not, and live in humble dependence on Him.**

'James is not trying to banish planning from our lives, but only that sort of self-sufficient, self-important planning that keeps God for Sunday but looks on Monday to Saturday as mine.'

- Motyer

- **Number our days and invest in what will last.**
- **Repent and believe the Gospel.**

"And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed."

Luke 17:26-30