

Boasting About Tomorrow - James 4:13-17

Topics: Ambition, Decisions, Future, Goals, Greed, Judgment, Materialism, Plans, Sin

Open It

1. To where in the world would you like to travel?
2. If you could start your own business, what would it be?
- * 3. If you knew you had just three months to live, what are some things you would want to do?

Explore It

4. Whose attention did James want to get? (4:13)
- * 5. What warning did James give to those who make plans for the future? (4:13-14)
6. What could happen to destroy even the best laid plans? (4:14)
7. To what did James compare our lives? (4:14)
- * 8. What is the best way to plan ahead? (4:15)
- * 9. What should we say when we are making plans? (4:15)
10. What outlook toward the future does God want us to change? (4:16)
11. What sinful attitudes often accompany the act of making plans? (4:16)
12. How did James define sin? (4:17)
13. How do we sin? (4:17)

Get It

14. What's wrong with planning out our lives?
- * 15. What responsibility does God want us to take in planning our lives?
16. What is the best use we can make of our lives?
- * 17. How can we make plans for business or living which are pleasing to God?
18. Given how long you think you could live, how can you plan for the future with humility and faith?
19. What would you like to accomplish before you die?
20. What accomplishment from your life do you want to present to God?
21. How can you determine in your daily life what is sinful and what is pleasing to God?

Apply It

22. What aspects of your life plans do you need to present to God in prayer this week?
- * 23. What can you do this week to place your plans for the future in God's hands?
24. In what part of your job or occupation do you need to do the good you know you ought to do this week?