



James 4:13-17

True Faith Works on Our Presumption

- I. The problem in our passage isn't planning, it's _____ (James 4:13-14).
- II. The solution in our passage is not a good luck charm, but a good life _____ (James 4:15).
- III. The proverb in our passage is not a call to do it all, but for us to do what _____ has called (James 4:17).
- IV. Presumption reveals that we are _____ (James 4:13).
- V. Presumption ignores life's _____ (James 4:14a).
- VI. Presumption forgets life's _____ (James 4:14b).
- VII. Presumption's antidote is reverential _____ (James 4:15).
- VIII. Presumption is not innocuous, God sees it as _____ (James 4:16).
- IX. Now that we know, we have culpability, unless we live _____ (repentantly) (James 4:17).

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What is the purpose of the book of James?
2. Read Proverbs 21:5. How does this clarify the first point that James is trying to make?
3. How do Proverbs 19:21 and 16:9 confirm what James says in verse 15?
4. What is the difference between sins of omission and commission? Which does James address in this passage and what does he say? How might we be tempted to make it an illegitimate burden of legalism?
5. What heart tendency does James reveal in verse 13? What else does Scripture say about this tendency (hint: one place is Deuteronomy 8:11-18)?
6. Can you think of any parables or stories in which someone made plans, but ignored life's uncertainty (i.e. "tomorrow" came and changed all their plans)?
7. Warren Wiersbe says that we must invest our lives in eternal things. Consider how many different words are used in your language to discuss spending time. The ancient Romans "drove" time (ago, agere). How might this change your view of time?
8. What is the antidote to presumption? How does Paul demonstrate this virtue in Acts 18:21 and 1 Corinthians 4:19?
9. What is God's perspective on our presumption, and how can we align our perspective with His (James 4:16)?