

Making God Laugh!
James 4:13-17

1. We plan our _____ – vv. 13-14
 - a. Life is complex – v. 13
 - b. Life is _____ – v.14a
 - c. Life is short – v. 14b

2. God establishes our _____ – vv. 15-17
 - a. Seek God's will – v. 15
 - b. Stop _____ – v. 16
 - c. Follow God's steps – v. 17

To Go

1. Make a list of all the plans you have made for the future without seeking God's opinion.
2. Be reminded about the brevity of life by thinking about your aging or deceased parents, your life 5, 10, 20 years ago, and just how fast time has gone while raising your children.
3. Talk with your spouse or a friend about a time you made a plan that didn't work out, only to realize God had a better plan.
4. Identify the plans you have made in your heart and present them to God. Invite Him to redirect your steps according to His will.
5. Ask God what it is that he is asking you to do, and then do it.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of October 29, 2017

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This fall we will consider the book of James and its application to us today. As you study the passage, look beyond your notes to glean more truth from this passage by using these questions, so that you know God better!

Context: James continues to address speech in this letter. How is this section similar or different than the previous sections?

Observation: How does James characterize boasting here? Why do you think he addresses sins of omission here?

Meaning: James gives an example of incorrect speech and correct speech. What is the truth about God that he is driving at with these examples?

Application: How do you assume upon God and what might happen in the future? What are some ways that you can better acknowledge the sovereignty of God in your speech?