

## HOW TO FACE YOUR FUTURE James 4:13-17

Everyone is interested in the future. James warns us about common mistakes we make regarding the future.

### THEE COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

#### **MISTAKE #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Now listen, you who say, `Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money.'" (vs. 13)*

#### THE SOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Instead, you ought to say, `IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" (vs.15)*

*"We may make our plans, but God has the last word." Prov. 16:1 (GN)*

*"We should make plans -- counting on God to direct us." Prov. 16:9 (LB)*

#### **MISTAKE #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil." (vs. 14 & 16)*

*Ps. 39:4-6; Ps. 102:3, 11; Job 4:7,9; Ps. 103:15*

*"Come," each one cries, "... Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even better!" Isaiah 56:12*

*"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." Prov.27:1*

#### THE SOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

*"So don't be anxious about tomorrow --God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time." Matt. 6:34 (LB)*

#### **MISTAKE #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it sins." (vs. 17)*

THE SOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow' --when you now have it with you." Prov. 3:27-28*

Luke 12:16-20 --A foolish man

*"RIGHT NOW God is ready to welcome you. TODAY He is ready to save you!"  
Cor.6:2 (LB)*