

MODEST PLANS

James 4:13-17

*Come now, **you who say**, "Today or tomorrow **we will** go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead **you ought to say**, "If the Lord wills, **we will** live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.* James 4:13-17

◇ You who say – "Today or tomorrow we will ..." (13-14)

- You think you _____ the _____. (13)
- You do _____. (14)

What is your life?

◇ You ought to say – "If the Lord wills, we will ..." (15-17)

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.
Proverbs 16:9

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.
Proverbs 16:33

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

As it is, you boast in your arrogance.

→ You put _____ or _____ in
("boast in") your _____ ("arrogance")

"pride of life" – 1 John 2:16

These people are wandering in an _____ world of speculation and _____ to others about what they think they have found there.

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So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (4:17)

What is the "right thing to do"?

- when the _____
 - * The Bible is not against _____, but against _____.
 - _____ change –
 - _____ changes –
- when there is _____

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4

- when there is _____

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
Jesus Christ (to his Father)