

## We Are Terminal Part I - Living With An Eternal Perspective

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." <sup>14</sup> Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." <sup>16</sup> But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:13-17

**Bottom Line:** We are terminal: You have to own your **PERSPECTIVE**, before God can change your **PERSPECTIVE**.

### **Expectations:**

*<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."*

1. We think we can **PREDICT** our future.
2. We can get caught up in the winning **FORMULA**.
3. We can leave God out of our **PLAN**.
4. Our time, space, and circumstances **BELONG** only to God.

### **Temporary:**

*<sup>14</sup> Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*

1. This challenges our presumption by questioning our view of **TIME** and the human life in it.
2. This reminds us of our ignorance of **TOMORROW**.
3. This reminds us our lives are both **FRAGILE** and short.

### **Perspective:**

*<sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."*

1. God is not at our **DISPOSAL**.
2. Nothing in life is outside our **FAITH**.
3. We need to change our perspective to "**GOD WILLING**".

### **Arrogance:**

*<sup>16</sup> But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.*

1. Our arrogance overflows into **BOASTING**.
2. All boasting is **EVIL**.
3. We should only **BOAST** in God's work.
4. We cannot boast in our **FUTURE** plans.

### **Invest:**

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

1. The right thing to do is to **SURRENDER** to God's will in all we do.
2. We **KNOW** God's will by having our minds renewed.
3. Do not disconnect what you know from what you **DO**.

Which of your expectations originate with God?

If you knew your life was even more temporary what would you do with it?

Is your perspective "God willing" today?

What are you boasting about today?

Your life is an investment. What are you investing in today?