



LIVING AND PLANNING
IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

LUKE 12:16-20

¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

1. IT IS FOOLISH TO PRESUME THE FUTURE (4:13-14a)

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1. These plans are confident.

"Today or tomorrow *we will go* into such and such a town..."

2. These plans are longterm.

"...we will go and *spend a year there*..."

3. These plans are profitable.

"...we will go and spend a year there and *trade and make a profit*."

JAMES 4:13-14a

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JAMES 4:16

¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

2. YOUR LIFE IS FLEETING (4:14b)

¹⁴ 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.

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This question leads us to consider:

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2. YOUR LIFE IS FLEETING (4:14b)

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This question leads us to consider:

1. What we *think* we are.
2. The *reality* of what we are.

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Psalm 144:4

⁴ Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.

2. YOUR LIFE IS FLEETING (4:14b)

Psalm 78:39

³⁹ He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes and comes not again.

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Psalm 103:15-16

- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

3. IT IS WISE TO HUMBLY FEAR THE LORD (14:15, 17)

¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

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

3. IT IS WISE TO HUMBLY FEAR THE LORD (14:15, 17)

Psalm 39:4-5

⁴ "O LORD, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

⁵ Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

Selah

3. IT IS WISE TO HUMBLY FEAR THE LORD (14:15, 17)

Psalm 90:12

¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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Romans 11:36

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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