LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Twenty • James 4:13-17

Presumptuous Planning

Warning Against Sins of Arrogance

The second warning is against the sin of PRESUMPTUOUS planning that ignores God for selfish ambitions.

Two Mistakes of Presumptuous Planning

Mistake 1: Planning the Future without GOD!

How You Talk Matters

Presumptuous planning shows up in how you TALK about yourself and your future without any reference to God *(vs. 13)*.

Presumptuous Planning

- It presumes we will live as LONG as we please.
- It presumes we can make whatever PLANS we please.
- It presumes we have the capacity to SUCCEED as we please.

Mistake 2: Presuming to KNOW about Tomorrow!

Problem with Presumptuous Planning

We have no sure knowledge or guarantee of TOMORROW *(vs. 14)*.

Two Errors of Presuming about Tomorrow

- We fail to factor in the UNCERTAINTY of life.
- We fail to factor in the BREVITY of life.

Living Humbly Before God Instead of Pridefully Without God

1. Remember Your IGNORANCE about the Future.

2. Repent of Your ARROGANCE of Presumption.

Sin of Presumption

The root problem of presumptuous planning is PRIDE, and the expression of that pride is boasting *(vs. 16)*.

3. Recognize Your DEPENDENCE on the Lord.

Living Humbly Before God

- It is an ATTITUDE that says “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that!” *(vs. 15)*
- It is an ACTION that follows through on doing God’s will today *(vs. 17)*.