

## **LIVE YOUR TOMORROWS TODAY!**

We will begin by examining our lesson text by three parts: James 4:13-14; 4:15-16; 4:17.

(Jas.4:13-14) – **James gives a cosmos diabolicus (human viewpoint) command.**

(“**Come** (ago/ p.a. impv.2pl) [slang interjection for displeasure and disgust] **now** (nun), **you who says - today or tomorrow**”) making everyday decisions of life.

**Two big problems** (Jas.4:14)

- a. Vapor -
- b. Vanish -

(Jas.4:15-16) – **James gives a contrasting divine viewpoint.**

“Instead, you ought to say – If the Lord wills, we live (zao/ f.a.ind1pl).

James represents **third big problem** (vs.16) “**But now** (nun), you boast (kauchaomai) in your arrogance (tais alazoneia/lplf); all such boasting (kauchesis( [self-vain glory] is evil (poneros) (1 John 5:19; 2 Cor.2:11)

(Jas.4:17) - James give a doctrinal conclusion regarding the confusion of these two conflicting viewpoints.

“**Therefore** (oun), one who knows (oida/perf.a.ptc.dsm heart) the right thing to do (divine viewpoint/ will of Lord) **and does it not do it** (me poieo/ p.a.ptc.dsm), to him **it is sin.**” The spiritually mature believer (who knows) has a choice. “Doing the will of God from the heart.” (Eph.6:6/ Jas.4:15-16)

<b>This lesson will study <u>three aspects</u> of Live Your Tomorrows Today.</b>
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1. **The doctrinal point that James is making in our lesson text is “Live your tomorrows today.”**

Jesus taught this doctrinal principle in **Matt.6:34** – “So do not worry about **tomorrow**; for **tomorrow** will care for itself. **Each day** has enough trouble of its own.”(Matt.6:25-34)

**All your tomorrows are lived in all your todays.** As spiritually advancing believers, we are instructed to live one day at a time (Matt.6:11/ daily bread). Each day of each week has been specially created to be lived according to Lord’s will.

(Rom.14:6) “He who **observes the day, observes it for the Lord and give thanks to Lord.**”

(Rom.14:7-8) “For **not one of us**, lives for himself, **and not one** dies for himself; **for if we live**, we live for the Lord, **or if we die**, we die for the Lord; **therefore** whether we live or die, **we are the Lords.**”

(Rom.14:9) “**For to this end** Christ died and lived again, **that He might be the Lord both of the dead and of the living.**”

2. **Every day and it time and events are a gift from God.**

(Gen.1:31) “God saw all that He had made, and behold, **it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, **the sixth day.**”

(Eccl.3:1) “There is an **appointed time for everything.** And there is a **time for every event** under heaven.”

Notice that Solomon gave seven 7 sets of 4 times for a total of 28 “good time and trouble time events under heaven.”(Eccl.3:2-8)

Jesus in (Matt.6:25-34) and James in (James 4:13-17) make this doctrinal point regarding living everyday as an opportunity to do the Will of God (**Eph.5:15-17**).

Jesus emphasize the word WORRY about our stuff and our heavenly Fathers attitude towards our lives (Matt.6:26, 30, 32-33/ worth your read).

3. **Sometimes we get so caught up in the “now living” that we forget that God has our “future living” planned as well as our “now living.”**

James shows this using the Greek **future tenses**. For example, he used it 4 times in (Jas.4:13)

- we will go (poreuomai) (f.a.ind.1pl)
  - continue (poieo) (f.m.ind1pl)
  - trade (emporeuomai) (f.m.ind.1pl)
  - make profit (kerdaino) (f.a.ind1pl)
- YOUR PLAN.

In (Jas.4:15), he used the **future tense** twice – “we shall live (zao/ f.a.ind1pl) and do (poieo/ f.a.ind1pl).”  
GOD’S PLAN.

The Doctrinal point is that ALL YOUR TOMORROWS (time and events) ARE IN GOD, NOT IN YOU. It is important for us to always be ready to adjust our plans to His - “Whether we live or die, we are the Lords.”

(Matt.6:34) “**So do not worry about tomorrow**; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble (he kakia) of its own.”

**Rich man:** “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things (ta agathos), and likewise Lazarus bad things (ta kakia), **but now** he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.” (Luke 16:25)

- Now go back and read the contrasts in Eccl.3:1-8 and review life of Job (Jas.5:11) and life of Paul (2 Cor.12:1-10).