Doing Life– James 4:13-17
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"Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."[14] Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.[15] Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." [16] As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. [17] If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."

Presumptuous Living (v.13)

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

- Presumptuous living is oblivious to the uncertainty of life (v.14a)

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow.

- Presumptuous living ignores the brevity of life (v.14b)

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes

- Presumptuous living is arrogant (v.16)

As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

Smart Living

- Smart living acknowledges God's sovereignty (v.15)

Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

- Smart living seeks to do God's will.

- Smart living does good. (v.17)

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

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