

LIFE:
Who is really in charge?
James 4:13-17

James 4:13

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.”

We are Not Masters of Our Destiny

James 4:14

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

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- **“We are not who we think we are.”**

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¹⁴ What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

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- “We are not who we think we are.”
- “Our life is fragile.”
- “Our power is insignificant.”

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James 4:15

¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

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- “We are not who we think we are.”
- “Our life is fragile.”
- “Our power is insignificant.”
- “Know the one who is all certain, all powerful, and trustworthy.”

Process Questions

- *Are there personal plans, hopes, dreams, and longings that have been thwarted due to unforeseen circumstances beyond your control? How did you respond?*
- *What does your response reveal about hidden or false expectations you may have about God?*
- *When our lives are interrupted and our plans are thwarted, it hurts! How did you process this with God? Were you or are you angry at God or others because of this? If so, have you made your peace? Are you at peace?*
- *What does James 4 13-17 teach you about our Father? What does it teach you about being His child? How can these realities guide you into your future as His child?*