



Life Planning

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Presumption (vv. 13-15)

- ◆ Planning isn't the problem (v. 13) – cf. *Romans 1:13*; *1 Corinthians 16:5-7*
- ◆ Presuming to have tomorrow is the problem (v. 14) – *Proverbs 27:1*; *Psalms 90:9-10*; *39:4-6*
- ◆ James' instruction to avoid human presumption – (v. 15) – God is in control (*Acts 5:33-39*), I am willingly under God's control (*Psalms 119:105, 133*).

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Boasting (v. 16)

- ◆ Arrogance – *alazoneia* – braggadocio, i.e. (by implication) self-confidence.
- ◆ Like the rich fool – *Luke 12:16-21*

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Negligence (v. 17)

- ◆ All we do should be authorized by Christ, and we should do all that Christ commands – *Colossians 3:17*
- ◆ This requires understanding God's will, and redeeming all opportunities to do it – *Ephesians 5:15-17*

Applications

The Center of All Planning Should be God

- ◆ We must recognize the preeminence of Christ – *Colossians 1:15-18*
- ◆ We must seek His will first – *Matthew 6:33* – i.e. He is always our priority which means we never plan without Him and/or in ways which would hinder our service to Him.

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The Postponing of Spiritual Dedication is Presumptuous and Arrogant

- ◆ This is what Felix did – *Acts 24:24-25, 27* – waited for a more convenient time that never came.
- ◆ Now is the day of salvation! – *2 Corinthians 6:1-2*



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