

Alderwood Community Church
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How to Face Your Future

James: A Faith that Works – Part 10

James 4:13-17

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Big Idea: Acknowledge God's sovereignty and your own mortality when you make your plans.

1. It is _____, _____ and evil to make plans without God. (vv. 13-14, 16)
 - A. Unlike God, you are not omniscient (_____ - _____).
You do not know what the future holds.

 - B. Unlike God, you are not eternal, you will _____ and you have no control over the timing of your death or the length of your life.

 - C. Making plans without God elevates you to the _____ of _____.
It fails to give God his proper place as your sovereign Lord and King.

*“For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” **Colossians 1:16-17***

2. Therefore, _____ God's _____ over your life and future as you make your plans. (vv. 15, 17)

A. _____ your plans and your future to God.

*"Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on earth below. There is no other." **Deuteronomy 4:39***

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." **Ephesians 2:10***

B. _____ God's revealed will for your life. (v. 17)

*"Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." **James 1:22***

C. _____ God for the outcomes and the circumstances in your life.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." **Proverbs 3:5-6***