

# PRESSURE POINTS

## A Study of the Book of James

### Part 9

## How to Face Your Future

*James 4:13 (NKJV) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

### 3 COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

#### MISTAKE #1 PLANNING \_\_\_\_\_.

*v13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."*

*Luke 14:28 "No man goes out and builds a house without first considering how much it's going to cost."*

*Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV) "But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth."*

#### What's the solution? INCLUDE GOD IN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.

*v15 "Instead, you ought to say, If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."*

*Philippians 4:6 (ESV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer... let your requests be made known to God.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing."*

*Proverbs 16:1 "We may make our plans, but God has the last word."*

*Proverbs 16:9 "We should make plans - counting on God to direct us."*

#### MISTAKE #2 PRESUMING \_\_\_\_\_.

*v14-16 "Why you don't even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil."*

*Isaiah 56:12 (NLT) "Come," they say, "let's get some wine and have a party. Let's all get drunk. Then tomorrow we'll do it again and have an even bigger party!"*

*(CSB) "Come, let me get some wine, let's guzzle some beer; and tomorrow will be like today, only far better!"*

*Proverbs 27:1 "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."*

#### What's the solution? LIVE \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 6:34 (LB) "So don't be anxious about tomorrow - God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time."*

*Psalms 35:15 "Lord, my days are in your hands."*

#### MISTAKE #3 PUTTING OFF \_\_\_\_\_.

*v17 "Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it sins."*

#### What's the solution? DO IT \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 3:27-28 "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow' -- when you now have it with you."*