

# Origin

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## Unwrap the Present

### James 4:13-17

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.” 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. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

#### Part 1

*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.”*

- ⇒ There's nothing wrong with making plans – in fact that's part of being a faithful steward.
- ⇒ However, if God is out of the equation – then our plans are off center.

#### Part 2

*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.*

- ⇒ Despite all we know, we cannot accurately predict the future.
- ⇒ Life as we know it today is actually preparation for eternity.

#### Part 3

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- ⇒ Learn from the past, plan for the future, but live life to the fullest today; make every moment count.
- ⇒ Engage the present!