

Grace Bible Chapel
Grace Women's Study – Lesson 18
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
James 4:13-17

Key Verse: V14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

James now continues in Chapter 4 and we will see in **James 4:13-17** that in pride a man or woman walk as if they are in control of their own lives. In **verses 13-15** James emphasizes that our everyday walk is sovereignly controlled by the Lord and we are called to **be aware** and **be thankful for every day that the Lord gives**. In **verses 16-17 James** concludes by indicating that anything done or said in arrogance or pride in self is both evil (not being humble before the Lord and in not doing the good what God has indicated in His Word) and is therefore also sinful. WE are to be continually be guarding and holding ourselves against such prideful speech and actions believing we are sufficient in our own strength and abilities.

James 4:13- Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit. (Luke 15:13-14, 1 John 2:16)

James 4:14 – Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. (Psalm 102:11-12, Job 8:9, Psalm 39:5)

James 4:15 Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” (Acts 18:21, 1 Corinthians 4:19, 1 Corinthians 16:7, Romans 15:18, 20, 22)

James 4:16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance (pride, pretensions); all such boasting is evil.
(Mark 7:21-22, James 4:11-12)

James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.
(Micah 6:8, Proverbs 11:2, James 3:13, James 1:21, Matthew 5:14-16)

CONCLUSION:
