



## Faith Admonishes

James 4:13-5:6

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Sermon Questions

1. James 4:13 seems to challenge those who make plans and have goals. Is it wrong to make plans?
2. Why do you think James feels the need to write in this way to the wealthy within the Church and outside the Church?
3. CBC is in the heart of Paradise Valley, one of the wealthiest communities in America. To what degree do you think your view of wealth has become distorted? It has been said that the poor, the middle class, and the wealthy can all idolize money and wealth. Regardless of how you classify yourself, what needs to change about your view of wealth?
4. In James 4:14, the writer says that our life is a mist. What does he mean by that?
5. Pastor A.C. says, when making plans, we should NOT just think about what we want or what would make us happy. To what degree do you factor YOUR desires and happiness into your decisions? How much of your day/life are you thinking how to advance your life, to make it more comfortable?
6. In James 4:15, it states how we should make our plans and decisions; "Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that.'" How have you learned over the course of your life to listen to God and to discern his will in your planning and decision-making? Is it getting more or less clear to you?

James 4:13-5:6 (ESV)

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

5:1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying

out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.