

GROWTH GUIDE

READ & REVIEW

Today's focus is going to be on looking at the biblical text and understanding what the writer was communicating to his original audience.

Begin by reading James 4:13-17 in its entirety.

Read James 4:13-14

James addresses those who would arrogantly plan and plot to make a profit (v. 13). He then reminds them of the fragility and uncertainty of human life (v. 14).

Why is it important for followers of Jesus to remember the transitory or temporary nature of this life?

Read James 4:15

James encourages the church to seek the Lord's will and to plan their steps humbly.

What are some ways we can involve the Lord in the plans that we make?

Read James 4:16-17

James' audience was boasting about this arrogant planning. James calls this evil (v. 16). He then warns his audience that to know what is good and neglect it is sin (v. 17).

How does over-confident, arrogant planning reveal pride? What are other areas you know what is good but neglect to do it?