

sermonnotes

Putting Your Faith to Work – Part 7

Since the future is unknown every step forward is a step into the unknown, but go ahead and make plans. Failing to plan is planning to fail. But planning without praying is presumption.

James 4:13–17

Faith and the Future

1. We are not in _____, but God is. James 4:13,15
 - We must remember that God is sovereign, and we are not. He controls the future.
2. We do not know the _____, but God does. James 4:14
 - We are limited in our understanding about what tomorrow holds, but as we submit our lives and plans to God, He will guide us. Proverbs 3:5–6
3. We are spiritual beings having a _____ physical experience. James 4:14
 - Life is short, so _____ God's will and _____ well.
 - Death is certain, so live with an _____ perspective.

Faith at Work in the Future

1. Plan prayerfully, asking God for His _____. James 4:15
2. Plan without making any boastful assumptions. James 4:13

3. Plan with _____ values in view. Matthew 6:19–20
4. Submit your plans to God and allow Him to make _____ in your plans. Proverbs 19:21

“We live at the intersection of two theologies, two realities. God's faithfulness is pursuing us from the past, and God's sovereignty is bearing down on us from the future. Look back, and it's so far so God. Look ahead and the best is yet to come.” Mark Batterson

Answers: control; future; temporary; seek, invest; eternal; guidance; eternity's; changes

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