



## WHEN FACING MY FUTURE, I WILL AVOID...

### 4) \_\_\_\_\_ & MISAPPROPRIATING FINANCES

James 5:3-5 says *"You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you.... You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence."*

The Bible says that having money or wealth is not a problem but the love of money is a problem.

**"Stewardship"** means: \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said: **"Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven. For where your treasure is your heart will be also."** (Matt. 6:20)

How do you store up treasure in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

The Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5) \_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD

James 5:7 *"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits..."*

The Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK NINE ICONNECT GROUPS:** This week you will review how to face your future with God so you avoid pitfalls.



# REAL FAITH

## "HOW TO FACE YOUR FUTURE"

THEME SCRIPTURE: James 4:13-17 & 5:1-7

### James 4:13-17 Warning to the Self-Confident

*4:13 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." 14 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. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. 17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.*

### James 5:1-6 Warning to the Wealthy

*5:1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.*

### James 5:7-9 Warning to the Impatient

*7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!*

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### 1) PLANNING \_\_\_\_\_

James 4:13 *"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.'"*

**The Bible talks about planning and goal setting. The problem is when we do not include God in the process.**

Proverbs 16:1 (GNT) *"We may make our plans, but God has the last word."*

Proverbs 16:9 (TLB) *"We should make plans, counting on God to direct us."*

**The Solution:** \_\_\_\_\_

James 4:15 says *"Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"*

### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT TOMORROW

James 4:14 & 16 *"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... As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil."*

### Two Reasons Why We Should Not Be Presumptuous:

**A. Life is \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow."*

**B. Life is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."*

**The Bible describes your life as:** \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 27:1 *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."*

**The Solution:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said in Matthew 6:34 (TLB) *"So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time."*

### 3) \_\_\_\_\_ DOING GOOD

James 4:17 *"Anyone, then, who knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."*

**How is "sin" defined?**

**A) Sins of \_\_\_\_\_ B) Sins of \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Solution:** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 6:2 says *"Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today He is ready to save you!"*