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## James: Training that Transforms "Reviving the Deo Volente Life"

*James 4:13-17*

### Main Text

**James 4:13-17** (ESV) – <sup>13</sup>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" – <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup>As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

### **Big Idea – The Deo Volente Life Brings Success and Satisfaction**

### Three Steps in Living the God Honoring Life

#### **Step #1 – Do Not Forget that Life is Brief: Value Each Moment and Honor the Lord**

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#### **Step #2 – Don't Hesitate: Revive the Deo Volente Mindset in Your Life Today**

**James 4:15-16** (ESV) – <sup>15</sup>Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup>As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

#### **Step #3 – Application Matters: Don't Fail to Put Right Knowledge into Right Action**

**James 4:17** (ESV) – <sup>17</sup>So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

### Memory Verse

**Psalm 90:12** (ESV) – So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

### Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.