

The Parable of the Toilet Paper Roll

Passage: James 4:13-17



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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.

James 4: 13-17

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 in your arrogant schemes. 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.

- **Our Lives Are Like Vapor**

Psalm 39:5

⁵ You have made my days a mere handbreadth;
the span of my years is as nothing before you.
Everyone is but a breath,
even those who seem secure.

Psalm 102:11

11 My days are like the evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.

- **Our Lives Are Like Vapor**
- **Our Lives Are Ruled By God**

Proverbs 16:4,9

⁴ The LORD works out everything to its proper end - even the wicked for a day of disaster.

⁹ In their hearts, humans plan their course,
but the LORD establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:33

³³ The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD.

Daniel 4:35

35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”

Ephesians 1:11-12

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Implications

- **A God-Centered Focus Impacts Our Moral Choices**
- **A God-Centered Focus Impacts Our Value**
- **A God-Centered Focus Impacts Our Quality of Life**

