

HOW TO FACE THE FUTURE
People's Church New Year's Eve - 2024

FOUR COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID
James 4:13-17

MISTAKE #1: PLANNING WITHOUT GOD

"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.'" James 4:13 (NIV)

THE SOLUTION: INCLUDE GOD IN YOUR PLANS & GOAL SETTING

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

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct [your] paths." Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)

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

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

MISTAKE #2: USELESS WORRYING ABOUT THE FUTURE

"[Who of] you by worrying [can] add a single hour to [his] life?" Matthew 6:27 (NIV)

"... Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat... or drink... or wear?' The people who don't know God keep trying to get these things, and your Father in heaven knows you need them. [The thing you should want most is] God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you."
Matthew 6:30b-33 (NCV)

THE SOLUTION: TRUST GOD AND MAKE EACH DAY COUNT

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

MISTAKE #3: PRESUMING ABOUT TOMORROW

"Why, you don't 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." James 4:14; 16

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

THE SOLUTION: LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME

"... God will take care of your tomorrow, [too]. Live one day at a time." Matthew 6:34 (TLB)

MISTAKE #4: PUTTING OFF DOING GOOD

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

THE SOLUTION: DO IT NOW!

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

"Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." Proverbs 3:6

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