

“If The Lord Will We Shall Live”

(A Message on the Brevity of Life)
James 4:13-17 & Selected Scriptures

3 Questions to Answer:

I. WHEN YOU MAKE PLANS,
DO YOU CONSIDER THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE? (v. 13-14a)

II. WHEN YOU MAKE PLANS,
DO YOU CONSIDER THE BREVITY OF LIFE? (v. 14b)

Other figures applied to the duration of human life:

- "a shadow that declineth" (Ps. 102:11)
- "a breath" (Job 7:7)
- "the cloud" (Job 7:9)
- "grass" (Ps. 103:15)

III. WHEN YOU MAKE PLANS,
DO YOU CONSIDER GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE? (v. 15-16)

In a one word answer, why does God give us time?

Answer: OPPORTUNITY (Eph 5:16)

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| 1. | God gives us TIME to give us the opportunity for:
<i>2Pe 3:15; 2Co 6:2</i> | Salvation |
| 2. | God gives us TIME to give us the opportunity for:
<i>Ps 90:12; Re 1:3</i> | Wisdom |
| 3. | God gives us TIME to give us the opportunity for:
<i>Col 4:5</i> | A Testimony |
| 4. | God gives us TIME to give us the opportunity for:
<i>Heb 4:16</i> | Prayer |
| 5. | God gives us TIME to give us the opportunity for:
<i>Philippians 1:21-25</i> | Service |
| 6. | God gives us TIME to give us the opportunity for:
<i>1Peter 4:2</i> | God's Will |