QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you made plans to do

something and your plans did not turn out the way you expected.

2. What are some of the areas in which you make presumptions about

your life?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

presumption:

a) Psalm 19:12-13

b) Numbers 14:44-45

c) Deuteronomy 18:20

d) I Samuel 15:23

e) Romans 2:4

f) Romans 15:18

g) Jude 1:9

4. In what ways did the businessman in James’ example presume upon

the future? (Hint: Read verse 13. He did it in five ways.)

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to so a study on God’s will. (Read Romans 12:2; Ephesians 6:6; I Thessalonians 4:3; I Peter 2:15; I Peter 4:19)
* I am going to examine my life for areas of omission (serving,

praying, giving, etc.) and act on what I should be doing.

* I am going to memorize James 4:17.

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James 4:13-17 Study Series #11

***How to Plan for the Future***

**I. Introduction**

A. The Danger of Presumption

B. Do We Control the Future?

(See Proverbs 16:9; Proverbs 20:24; Psalm 31:14-15)

C. Can We Plan for the Future?

(See Proverbs 6:6-8; Proverbs 22:3; Proverbs 27:12;

Genesis 41:1-41; Matthew 25:1-13)

**II. Warnings About Planning for the Future**

A. The Sin of Presumption

(See James 4:13-14; Genesis 13:2; Genesis 26:12-13;

Genesis 30:43; Nehemiah 13:15-21; Acts 16:14;

Genesis 34:20-23; Isaiah 14:13-14; Proverbs 27:1;

Psalm 144:1; Job 7:6; Job 7:9; Job 8:9; Job 9:25-26;

Job 14:1-2)

B. The Sin of Boasting

(See James 4:16; Luke 12:16-21; Matthew 13:38; John 17:15)

C. The Sin of Omission

(See James 4:17; Luke 12:41-48; Jonah 1-4)

**III. Conclusion**

A. God’s Will for Planning the Future

(See Acts 18:21; Romans 1:10; Romans 15:32;

I Corinthians 4:19; I Corinthians 16:7; Philippians 2:19;

Hebrews 6:3)

B. Numbering Our Days

(See Psalm 90:12; Numbers 14:33-34; Psalm 90:9)

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Cor 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 4:13-17

**13**Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” **14**Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. **15**Instead, *you ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” **16**But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. **17**Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

“This is one of the great sins of contemporary Christians within our society. God has given us so much, and often we do so little with it.”

*Paul A. Cedar, Pastor & Author*

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