

Are You Banking On Time Or Tomorrow

James 4:13-17

What Does The Future Hold?

- “...you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow.” (14)
- "***Everything that can be invented has been invented.***" -- 1899, Charles H. Duell, Commissioner in the U.S. Office of Patents.
- Three mistakes made by these early believers that many in our day still make.

THE MISTAKE OF FOOLISH PLANS

- **The Plan Is Constructed** - Today or Tomorrow
 - The Place Is Chosen – such and such a city.
 - The Period Is Calculated - They would need only a year to succeed.
 - Their Purpose Is Considered - *“Buy and sell”*
 - Their Profit Is Computed - *“Get gain”*
- **Their problem was two-fold:**
 - They lived their lives with no regard for God’s will.
 - They planned their future with no regard for God’s will.

THE MISTAKE OF FOOLISH PRESUMPTIONS

- **They Failed To Grasp The Complexity Of Life –**
Too many I's.
- **They Failed To Grasp The Uncertainties Of Life**
-- “What is your Life”? (death, accidents, job loss, etc.)
- **They Failed To Grasp The Brevity Of Life –** The rich farmer (Luke 12:19).

THE MISTAKE OF FOOLISH POSTPONEMENTS –

- **Service** – “And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes.*” (Luke 12:47)
- **God’s will everyday.** – “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.” (Prov. 3:27)
- **Salvation** – “Service – “And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes.*” (Luke 12:47)

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- “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will[a] go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; **14** whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” (Ja. 4:13-14)