

**JAMES:
FAITH
IN ACTION**



THE BEST LAID PLANS

James 4:13-17

**How considerate am I of God
when I make plans in my life?**

The plans of the diligent certainly lead to profit,
but anyone who is reckless certainly becomes
poor.

Proverbs 21:5 CSB

“For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish it, all the onlookers will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This man started to build and wasn’t able to finish.’”

Luke 14:28-30 CSB

**Planning is good,
but God is in control.**

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James 4:13 CSB

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**Forgetting God is in
control does not involve
God in our plans.**

Forgetting God is in control means planning out every detail without room for interruption or variation.

“Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and we will spend a year there and we will do business and we will make a profit.”

**Forgetting God is in control
means asking God to bless
plans in which we have not
involved Him.**

Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring
—what your life will be! For you are like vapor
that appears for a little while, then vanishes.

James 4:14 CSB

Don't boast about tomorrow, for you don't know what a day might bring.

Proverbs 27:1 CSB

But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

James 4:16 CSB

Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

James 4:15 CSB

Remembering God is in control means:

Recognizing our need for Him.

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Remembering God is in control means:

Listening to what Jesus says.

A person's heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 CSB

Many plans are in a person's heart, but the LORD's decree will prevail.

Proverbs 19:21 CSB

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James 4:15 CSB

Remembering God is in control means:

Letting God interrupt our plans.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on
earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 CSB

So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.

James 4:17 CSB

**Sins of commission:
doing what God says not to do.**

**Sins of omission:
disregarding what God has said to do.**