

DOING THINGS GOD'S WAY

James 4:13-17

*“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do,
and does not do it, to him it is sin” – 4:17*

1A. What In Our Lives Must Be Yielded to God? - 4:13

“You ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills...’”

Let's consider some introductory questions. As a committed believer:

- [1] Is it wrong to sit down and set specific dates as goals in our lives?
- [2] Is it wrong to sit down and plan to go to a specific place/places?
- [3] Is it wrong to sit down and plan the length of time we will do an endeavor?
- [4] Is it wrong to sit down and plan a specific action at a specific time in a specific place?
- [5] Is it wrong to sit down and plan what results we would like to see accomplished?

1B. Each Point in Time – *“Today or Tomorrow” = ‘a specific time’*

2B. Each Place We Go – *“We shall go into ‘such’ a city” = ‘a specific place’*

1C. The certainty of the act – *“we will go”*

2C. The certainty of the location – *“to a specific city”*

3B. Each Plan We Make – *“We shall work there a year” = ‘a specific duration of time’*

4B. Each Purpose We Establish – *“We shall make trade” = ‘a specific purpose’*

5B. Each Profit We Anticipate – *“We shall make a profit” = ‘a specific result’*

A Prime Example: the Apostle Paul as reported on by Luke in the Book of Acts.

2A. Why Must We Yield This Aspect of Our Lives To God? - 4:14, 16

1B. We Have No Control – 4:14

“You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow”

2B. We Would Be Boasting – 4:16

“You boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil”

3A. How Must We Yield This Aspect of Our Lives to God? – 4:15

“You ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills – we will do this or that’”

4A. What Happens If We Don't Yield This Aspect of Our Lives to God? – 4:17

“To one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him/her it is sin”