

# I Sermon Notes

## If the Lord Wills (James 4:13-17)

In these messages during COVID-19, it is Pastor Brian's desire to bring some biblical \_\_\_\_\_

James is dealing with our presumption about \_\_\_\_\_

James focuses on the attitude of our \_\_\_\_\_

Clearly, this pandemic has demonstrated to us that we are not in \_\_\_\_\_ of anything.

### I. Those who are engaged in the normal routines of life (13)

- A. Come now – \_\_\_\_\_ getter (NIV, nicely, "Now listen")
- B. Those *saying*, "Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and we shall spend a year there and do business and make \_\_\_\_\_."  
The presumption has to do with \_\_\_\_\_, today, tomorrow, a year  
The presumption has to do with \_\_\_\_\_, what we will do  
The presumption has to do with \_\_\_\_\_, we will turn a profit  
Why is this presumption so bad? Why is it so misleading?  
It is based on \_\_\_\_\_!

### II. Life is uncertain and a vapor (14)

- A. Whoever you are, do you not know what pertains To \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. The reason we don't know what our life is and what tomorrow may bring:  
Your life is a vapor, which appears for a short time, and then \_\_\_\_\_  
What should be attitude towards our life? The \_\_\_\_\_?

### III. Recognize God's sovereignty over your \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

- A. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord \_\_\_\_\_"
- B. If the Lord wills  
This is an acknowledgement of God's \_\_\_\_\_  
It reflects our \_\_\_\_\_ on the God who wills

### IV. Our pride and our boasting exposed (16)

We may be more concerned about our plans, our goals, than we are with \_\_\_\_\_ before God.

Independence and self-determination is nothing but \_\_\_\_\_



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## V. The sin of omission (17)

- A. If you know the \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do....
- B. The good or right thing –
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ before God
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ on the will of God
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ to the will of God

### Conclusion

If you want to make God laugh, tell him your \_\_\_\_\_

This passage calls us to view our short, vaporous, transient lives in the hands of sovereign and

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God. It is a call to acknowledging His sovereignty over our lives, a submission of our plans to His.

These days of COVID-19 should be loud and clear lessons about who is in charge and who isn't.

These days of COVID-19 should be a clarion call to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, to entrust all our endeavors, all our plans, all of our life, to \_\_\_\_\_

