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A WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH THE
BOOK OF JAMES



James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” — ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

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CLIP

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- When
- Where
- How Long
- What You'll Do
- What the Results Will Be

- *Calendars*
- *Generators*
- *Cost/Benefit Analysis*
- *Retirement Accounts*
- *Insurance (for when my plans go awry)*

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*“The chance to define yourself
by where you’re headed
instead of where you stand”*

*“Carpe Diem”
Seize the Day*

“I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms” – Henry David Thoreau

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14a **YET** you do not know what tomorrow will bring.

The Lie of Presumption : My Control

Proverbs 27:1
Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a
day may bring.

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14^b What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

The Lie of Presumption : My “Fulfillment”

Luke 12:15

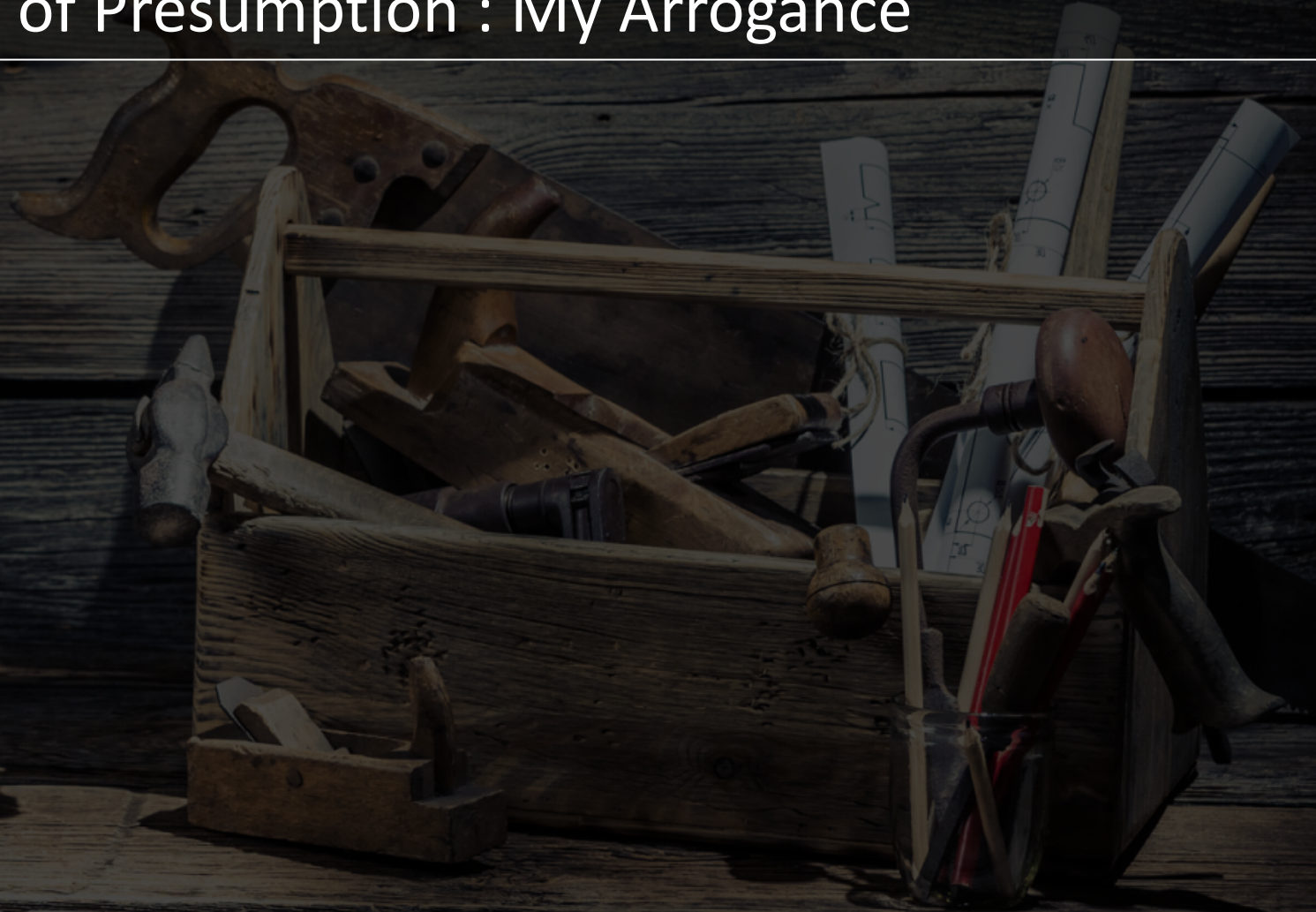
And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

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The Lie of Presumption : My Arrogance

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¹⁵ **Instead** you ought to say,
“If the Lord **wills**, we **will** live and do this or that.”

God's Will determines My Will

Acts 17:26-27

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having **determined allotted periods and the boundaries** of their dwelling place, ²⁷ **that they should seek God**, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us...

Our Decisions Matter AND God is in Total Control

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“If the Lord **wills**, we **will** live and do this or that.”

God’s Will determines My Will

God is inviting us to make
our life TRULY count!

To Love Outward, sending
gospel-ripples for eternity.

- Plan Wisely
- Plan Aggressively
- Plan Selflessly
- Plan Humbly

“Your entire life. The routines, the risks, the moments, steps forward and steps back, have led you to the next step, where all the possibility lies.”

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How Can I **TRUST** God’s Will?

Luke 22:41-43

And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

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“If the Lord **wills**, we **will** live and do this or that.”

How Can I **TRUST** God’s Will?

*God is Wise Enough to Know What’s Best
God is Loving Enough to Desire What’s Best
God is Powerful Enough to Do What’s Best*

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How Can I **KNOW** God’s Will?

Westminster Catechism (1647):
Question #1 – What is our chief end?
Answer – To glorify God and enjoy him forever

¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, **for him** it is sin.

“Love God and do as you please”

Not black and white
but a matter of the heart.

- 1) Plan for tomorrow,
but with open hands
- 2) Be Present Today,
but for God’s glory and
the benefit of others.

“Life moves pretty fast. You don’t stop and look around every once in a while, you could miss it.”

- Ferris Bueller

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