“Hey, Don’t Forget To Include God In Your Plans

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Introduction:

• These verses point out a sin that all unsaved men are guilty. It is the sin of INDEPENDENCE- of leaving God out of their lives.

• Their lives are planned as if they were going to live forever. They forget that they are dependant upon God for the very air that they breathe and everything else that they have in this world.

• There is no promise of a tomorrow. James wrote, for what is your life? It is even as a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

• In our passage, James is talking to,”believers,” It was addressed to the brethren. There were some Christians during that period of time who were leaving God out of their planning.

• There are people in 2010 and soon to be 2011 who are leaving God out of their plans in life. I want to encourage you to put God in your plans in 2011.

• We have 5 verses that deal with this problem.

• James starts off by saying, V.13- Go to now- Translated: Come now- He requested special attention to what he is saying because of the importance.

I. The Excluding Of The Lord That Is Wrong

A. The Words Of Excluding The Lord

1. The Business Saying

   a) The Future Plans Without God

      1) It Is Foolish To Plan the Future Without God

         Why: For God Controls Our Today’s

         V.13b- Today. Etc
2) It Is Foolish To Plan The Future Without God
Why: For God Controls Our Tomorrows
V.13c- or tomorrow…Etc.

3) It Is Foolish To Plan The Future Without God
Why: For God Controls Our Travels
V.13d- we will go into such a city ….Etc.

4) It Is Foolish To Plan The Future Without God
Why: For God Controls Our Time
V.13e- and continue there a year…..Etc.

The Future Plans Without God

b) The Financial Prosperity Without God

>V.13e- This person says that he is going to buy or sell
>V.13f- This person says that he is going to get gain

>These business men decided that religion and business did not mix. These business men separated sacred from the secular.

>James believed in mixing religion in every department of life, including business, marriage, school, personal life, you name it, the Lord needs to be in your plans.

So, if you go over their plans, their plans were well laid out.

We have the PROGRAM—today or tomorrow
We have the PLACE- we will go in such a city
We have the PERIOD- and continue there a year
We have the PURPOSE- and buy and sell
We have the PROFIT- and get gain-

These people excel in the PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

However, these people derail in the PERSON DEPARTMENT. These people leave the one person out who could cause all this to come to pass, if it was His will.
They planned by self, and they planned for self.

The Business Saying

2. The Boastful Spirit

V.16- But now ye rejoice in your boasting: all such rejoicing is evil…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Their plan was EXCITING to them, but their plan was EVIL to God.

Their plan DELIGHTED them, but their plan DISAPPOINTED the Lord.

Luke 12: 16-21- records a business man leaving God out of his plans and his business-

Read – Luke 12:18- And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods .V.19- And I will say to my soul, soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

Listen to how God responds V.20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

God stopped his plans the very day he planned out his business for the future.

The Words Of Excluding The Lord

A. The Wrong Of Excluding The Lord

1. The Spirits Rejoicing That Is Evil

V.16a- But now ye rejoice [ Glory ] in your boasting:

- They were boasting in their calculation on the continuance of life, health and prosperity.

- They had reached the point where their pride was supreme.

- Remember that man proposes, but God disposes.
• Man may **orchestrate his plans**, but **God is able** to **override his plans.**

The Spirits Rejoicing That Is Evil

2. The Sinful Result That Is Explained

16b- Last phrase-*all such rejoicing is evil.*
17- Therefore to him that knowest to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

• *All such rejoicing* [glorying] *is evil.* - 16b

• The **Evil** one, Satan, who was an angel at one time loved to *glory* and *boast* and his pride got him thrown out of Heaven.

• When we *glory* about what we are going to do, **independent of God**, we *sin* according to James.

• The words, *him that knoweth to do good*, has reference to the children of God who knows that we are to **always include God is all aspects of our lives**, and *not to do this after we know to do this* is greater *sin.*

• Repeat- *To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.* -V.17

• This is the *sin of omission*, not commission. This sin is *omitting God out of your plans.*

The Excluding of The Lord That Is Wrong

II. The Including Of The Lord That Is Wise

A. The Relating To The Will Of God Being In Our Plans

V.15- *For that ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*

• The words **“OUGHT TO”** signify our duty.

• We should acknowledge our dependence upon God for our life.
• **George Truett** said, “To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge; to **do the will of God** is the greatest achievement in life.

• James says that ye “**ought**”, there is no option. God’s people should always include God in their speech while planning in their life.

• So, we ought to include God in our HOME life, SOCIAL life, BUSINESS life, SPIRITUAL life, and PERSONAL life.

• So, in all our **planning, hoping, doings**, we ought to say, **if the Lord wills**.

The Relating To The Will Of God Being In Our Lives

### B. The Reason For The Will Of God Being In Our Plans-

#### 1. The Dependence Of Life Is In God’s Will

*V.15* - For that ye ought to say, *if the Lord will, we will live*

- **QUESTION?** Did you know the time that you spend on this earth and live is **determined by God**?

- **LISTEN** to **JOB 14: 5** *Seeing his [ man ] days are determined, the number of his months are with thee{God}, thou{God} hast appointed his {man’s} bounds that he cannot pass. V.15- Thou shalt call and I will answer thee.*

- **LISTEN** to **ECCELEIASTES 8: 8** *There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death:*

- Our dependence of life is in God’s will.

- **Life is short** *V.14* - Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away.

- The Lord is speaking of the **brevity or shortness of life**.

#### 2. The Doing In Life Is In God’s Will

*V.15* again- For that ye ought to say, *if the Lord will, we shall*
live, and do this, or that.

**Question?** Did you know your being able to do this or that is determined by God’s will?

The Relating To The Will Of God Being In Our Plans
The Reason For The Will Of God Being In Our Plans

**C. The Result Of The Will Of God Being In Our Plans**

**1. We Will Be Living Biblical Lives**

**Result- V.15**- The Lord will be in our speech
**Result- V.13**- Re-word by putting God’s will in the plans.

**Listen to Paul including God in his plans.**

- Acts 18:21- I will come back, he promised the Christians at Ephesus, ”if it is God’s will.”

- Romans 1:10- Paul wrote to the church at Rome, I pray that now at last by God’s will the way will be opened for me to come to you.

- 1 Corinthians 4:19- He promised the Corinthians, I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing.

- 1 Corinthians 16:7- and I hope to spend some time with you if the Lord permits.

**2. We Will Be Living Beneficial Lives**

**Romans 12: 2**- Paul talks about God’s will being good, acceptable, and perfect.

Wanting to be in God’s will planning our lives will produce a beneficial life. Our lives will be beneficial to ourselves and to our Saviour.

**Result**- If God alters our plans, we won’t fall apart

**Result**- If God alters our plans, we will still be happy- Peace comes from being in God’s will.

**Result**- If God alters our plans; it will be for our best.-**Rom.8:28**
If we have plans and they don’t turn out the way we planned, we know who changes our plans and that will cause us to trust God, instead of getting bitter at God.

**HYMM, BY W.F Lloyd**

My times are in thine hand,
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul I leave
Entirely to thy care

My times are in thine hand,
Whatever there may be,
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to thee.

My times are in thine hand
Why should I doubt or fear?
A Father’s hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.

My times are in thine hand,
Jesus the crucified;
The hand my cruel sins had pierced
Is now my guard and guide.

My times are in thine hand;
I’ll always trust in thee,
And after death at thy right hand
I shall for ever be.

**Conclusion:**
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V.15- *For that ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*

Sinner friend, be sure to include God in your future before you leave this walk of life.

Saint, since God is going to be in your future when you leave this walk of life, you need to include Him in your plans now in
this present world. It will be BIBICIAL & Beneficial to your life now.