

Wednesday, September 30

James discusses the issue of boasting. Boasting about what will happen tomorrow is another example of human arrogance. Boasting about the future is arrogant because God is the only one who knows what will happen in the future.

James 4:13-15

What are the four agendas that characterize the lifestyle of the merchants in verse 13?

To what extent has this agenda been your approach to life?

Thursday, October 1

James applies the principle of "sins of omission" to the merchants. It is not that they are cheating and stealing in the course of their business. The problem is what they fail to do. If they really took God into account they might not be trying to increase their own standard of living; God might lead them to relieve the suffering around them, that is, to do good."

James 4:16-17

What is wrong with the opposite lifestyle (v. 16)?

Think of the next six months of your life and jot down three goals that you feel would be keeping with the teaching in this passage. (Then jot down a word of caution for each goal). Take a moment and pray that God would guide you in your goals.

Friday, October 2

We have been talking about 3 things we want to take from James each week: Holy Heart Repetitions (a verse that speaks to you), Living a "faithbook" life and putting your faith into action.

Reread John Chapter 3

What verse spoke to you?

How will you put something from Chapter 3 into action?

Saturday, October 3

Read James Chapter 5

What verse spoke to you?

How will you put something from Chapter 5 into action?