

“James #13”

James 4:13 - 17 (We Have no Guaranty of Tomorrow)

Review: James 4:10 - 12 (ESV)

V11... *“Do not speak evil of one another...”*

Ephesians 4:30 – 32 (NKJV) *“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, (Loud quarreling) and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*

James 5:9 *“Do not grumble (Groan) against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold the judge is standing at the door.”*

- My personal opinion: Christian Fellowship is one of the greatest gifts God has given us!

Philippians 1:3, 5 (NKJV) Read

1 John 1:3,7 *“That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the father and with His Son Jesus Christ... If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

- Text: James 4:13 – 14 (NKJV)

Proverbs 27:1 (NKJV)

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”

- NLT... *“Don’t brag about tomorrow...”*

Boast: To talk with excessive pride or brag about one’s own achievements, possessions, or abilities... To express pride in oneself or one’s accomplishments.”

- Which might explain the next verse in Proverbs 27:2

Proverbs 27:2 (NKJV)

“Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”

Luke 12:15 – 21 (NKJV) Read

- V20... “But God said to him, fool! This night your soul will be required of you.”

- Text: James 4:15 – 16 (NKJV) Read

V15... “We should say, if the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

1st Corinthians 5:6 (ESV) *“Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump.”*

(NKJV) *“Your glorying is not good...”* (V16 of our text...)

Luke 12:39 – 40 (ESV) *“But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour you do not expect.”*

- Text: James 4:17 (NKJV) Read

(NLT) *“Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”*

- This verse seemed out of place to me, I agonized over the placement of this verse.
- What it says is true, it’s scriptural... but why here?
- Therefore... I realized with a little help from different commentators!
- This is a brief summary of James’ letter up to this point...
- That faith without works is dead, a faith that does not produce works is dead.

(We are not saved by works but true faith produces works, this is James' argument)

Martin Luther:

"It is impossible for (faith) not to be doing good works incessantly. It does not ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has already done them."

- **True Faith...** Loves God with all your heart, mind and soul...
- Loves your neighbor as yourself...
- Believes and trust God in all things...

Luke 12:47 – 48 (NLT) *"A servant who knows what the master wants, but isn't prepared or doesn't carry out those instructions, will be severely punished... but someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone is given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required"*