

A Legit Faith Learns To Live In The Moment!

Legit Faith: All Day, Everyday! Pt. 6

James 4:13-17

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Three Thoughts On Living In The Moment From James:

1) Don’t Live In A State Of Personal MYOPIA

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- **Myopic Living Focuses On Today Or Tomorrow**
- **Myopic Living Depends On Our Own Abilities**
- **Myopic Living Spends Life Pursuing EARTHLY PROFIT**

Luke 12:15, Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶And He told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.’ ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life

easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

2) Don’t Live A MISDIRECTED LIFE

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- **Misdirected Lives Are Filled With Pride And Arrogance**

1 John 2:16, For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.
(Proverbs 27:1)

3) Do Live Faithfully In The MOMENT

James 4:15, Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” ... ¹⁷If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

- **Prayerful Consideration Before MAJOR DECISIONS**
- **JUST DO IT!**

Psalms 37:3, Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴Delight yourself in the LORD

and He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do it.”

Cottonwood “Living In The Moment” Challenge:

1. I will read my Bible and pray every day.
2. I will acknowledge that all of my abilities come from God.
3. I will honor God with a tithe of my income.
4. I will commit my time on earth to serving God.

Take Aways:

- Follow the Pastor’s daily blog “www.johnmarkcaton.com” on the book of James. You can also follow it on Twitter @johnmarkcaton or on Facebook at /johnmark.caton.
- Join a Life Group@Church or a Life Group@Home. To find a Life Group, go to our website at cottonwoodcreek.org/lifegroups. An alternative James class is available on Sundays at 4:15p in room B126.
- Pastor John Mark will be starting a new 5-week study on Tuesday mornings for the Men’s Bible Study called, “Thriving in Babylon.” It starts on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00a in room A234.