

## How Should We Plan for the Future?

Graduation Sunday  
– James 4:13-17 –

### 1. Avoid the Mistake of Foolish **PLANNING**

### 2. Avoid the Mistake of Foolish **PRESUMPTION**

### 3. Avoid the Mistake of Foolish **POSTPONEMENTS**

#### Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. At age 10 if someone had asked you what you wanted to be when you grew up, what would you have answered? What about high school or college? Did your career end up resembling either of those?
3. Is James opposed to planning? What is there about planning that might be a cause for concern?
4. How would you describe the balance between planning ahead and living in the present?
5. Is James talking about what we should *say* or how we should *think* in verse 15? What is he encouraging us to do?
6. How does knowing you are a “mist” make you feel? How does that relate to Matt. 6:31-34 or Luke 12:15-21?
7. On a spectrum where 1 is ‘*God is in Control*’ and 9 is ‘*I am in control,*’ where do you think you live most of your life?
8. How does fully embracing that God is in control, and our choices matter, bring freedom? How have you experienced this?

