

HUMBLE

James 4.13-5.6

NO GUARANTEES

It was fairly common to travel for certain business purposes. And like today, it was also common to set your plans in a way that seemed very sure fire. James reminds us of this arrogance that assumes our future is guaranteed, something we can bet on.

**The world tells us to act as if this is the only life we live.
But the Word reminds us that this is not our home.**

Matthew 6.19-24 // 1 Timothy 6.17-19

SINS OF COMMISSION VS. OMISSION

James 4.17

James says that if we know what the right thing to do is, but we don't do it, it is sin. What does this mean for us? It means the stakes are raised. It is not enough to simply avoid *doing* sin, but it we must also avoid *not doing* good.

**Humble submission to God and His plan for our life means
humbly obeying Him in everything.**

Examples of Ways We Commit Sins of Omission:

- Not forgiving others
- Not giving to the church to provide for the work of ministry
- Not using our gifts and talents to serve others and further the Kingdom
- Not being generous and sacrificial with our time
- Not confessing our sin to others
- Not being submitted and humble toward those God has put in your life
- Not working unto the Lord at your workplace
- Not raising your kids in the Gospel, but just teaching them to be good
- Not meeting together regularly and faithfully with the congregation

STRONG WORDS FOR THE STRONG WILLED

James 5.1-6

James keeps his strongest language for those who have, with their strong self-will, pursued their life for their own advantage and glory. But God sees all of this, and it won't go un-dealt with. And if we are not careful, and particularly if we are not repentant, we are simply fattening ourselves for the day of slaughter. As Jesus even warned that not everyone who claim to be followers of Him actually are. And when our lives are not marked with the things we know the Word is clear about, we should take serious inventory and care to be honest and repent.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

In our children's ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, we have classes for **newborns-5th grade**, along with a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walk-through of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty at Katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th-8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their class with their teacher and classmates for the rest of the service. Visit our website to read more about our Junior High Ministry and a walk-through of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **wid-week High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM**, here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes at Casey@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **James 4.13-5.6**. What stuck out to you most in this passage or from the sermon?

Focus on **verses 4.13-16**. What aspects of your life sometimes look like this, where you more or less haphazardly make plans and pursue your future in a way that assumes you'll have a full 80 or so years here? Take a quick inventory of how you make decisions and plan your future. What factors most determine your decisions, choices, and future plans and how you go about pursuing them?

As an example, what might those same aspects and pursuits of your life look like if your driving factors were more along the lines of building the Kingdom, sacrificial generosity, and bringing glory to the Lord? _____

Read **Matthew 6.19-24**. If an independent "auditor" was to examine your life and how you invest your treasures (time, talent, money, passions), how do you think they would assess where your heart is? _____

Read **James 4.17**. What sins of omission do you think you commonly fall into? You can look at the examples in the Sermon Notes or use your own. What are things that God has already clearly told us to do in His Word, but has been something you have been avoiding or not doing? _____

To see these new desires grow in our hearts, read **Psalms 37.4**. What particular truths must you delight yourself in if you want to see God give you new desires to live your life in a way that glorifies Him, rather than builds your own kingdom?

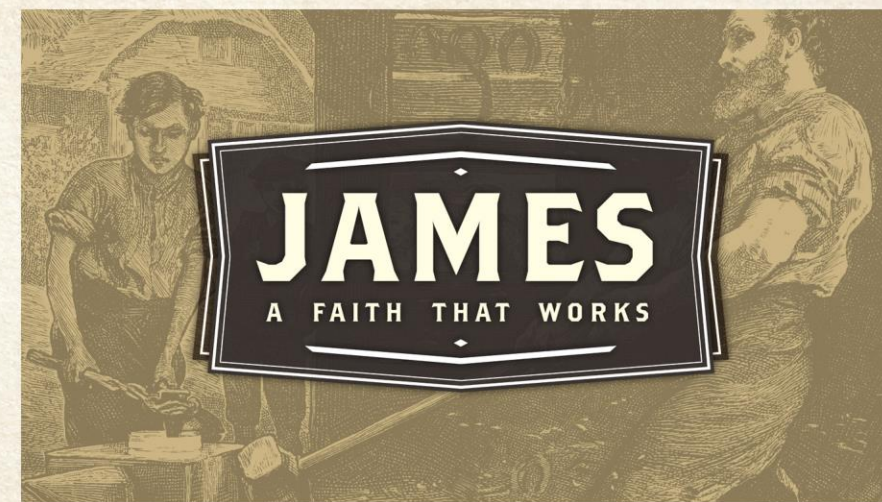
Read **1 Timothy 6.17-19**. Paul echoes Jesus' words as he says that we should lay up treasures of good works and generosity that honor the Lord and serve others. If we want to see change, our hearts must change. We have to first confess these sins, and then ask God to help us lay up treasures in heaven.

James' words are difficult, but necessary. What parts of your life have been exposed to you as something you want to see change in? Share it with the group and ask them to pray for that specifically.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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