What Is Your Life?

Joseph Casimier · James 4:13–17 · Series: **Questions about Faith & God**

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus said, take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things that he possesses.
- The sin of this young fool was simply not in planning, but rather leaving God out of his plans.
- That question is very simply: where are you headed? … A heavenly home is of the greatest importance.

1 What Is Your Life? Even a Vapor

James 4:13–17; Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10

- What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.
- Instead, you ought to say, if the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.
- What James is helping us to understand is we need to know the limit of our control over the future.
- Whenever we make plans, whatever plans we make, we need to be conscious of and include God in our plans.
- Life is a gift, and it must be used to glorify God.
- Life is a preparation and like a dressing room. It is where man dresses in preparation for the judgment.

2 Constantly Recognize My Dependence Upon God

Psalm 66:8–9; Romans 8:28; Proverbs 16:3

- Because my life is like a vapor, I will constantly recognize my dependence upon God every single day.
- I need guidance, I need comfort, I need hope for tomorrow and eternity. Guidance and comfort and real hope are only found in God.
- We know that all things can work together for good for those that love the Lord, those who are the called according to his purpose.
- Commit your ways to the Lord and your thoughts will be established.

3 Thankful for Each and Every One of God's Blessings

Colossians 3:15; James 1:16–17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- When we understand that life is a vapor, we are going to be thankful for each and every one of God's blessings.
- Every good gift and every perfect gift, it cometh from above. It cometh down from the father of lights.
- When we stand before judgment, our possessions will not help us at all. Because when we die, they stay here.
- In everything, give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

4 I Must Be About My Father's Business

Matthew 25:40

- Because my life is a vapor, I must be about my father's business. You know what brief lives mean? Urgency.
- Now is the time when we can work because there's going to come a time when we cannot work anymore.
- Pray to God, find one soul that we can teach the gospel to.
- Our work is vast, and we only have a short time.

5 I Must Live Righteously and Godly

Titus 2:11–13; Acts 19:19

- Because life is a vapor, I must live righteously and godly.
- I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims that you abstain from fleshly lust which war against the soul.
- To deny ungodliness and worldly lust, and that we should live righteously and godly in this present age.

6 We Are Going to Assemble With the Saints

- When we realize that life is like a vapor, we are going to assemble with the saints.
- When we get to heaven, that's what exactly what we're going to be doing. We're going to be assembling together so we can worship God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And if you haven't been living your life in preparation for eternity, then this day, think about it. Think seriously about it. Where are you headed?**

MY NOTES