



James 4:13-15

Reverse-Engineering

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1 What do these two passages reveal about the life *we are to live* in Christ?

• **James says it this way: (4:13-15)** ¹³ Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

• **Paul is far more dramatic: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31** ²⁹ What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

2 Discuss how this urgency speaks at our ‘every-day’ lives.

3 How do each of the passages below, then, reflect on our life as the church?

4 How do each of the passages below, then, inform and demand, if we are genuine disciples of Jesus?

• **2 CORINTHIANS 5:7** We live by faith, not by sight.

• **1 PETER 1:8** Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

• **2 CORINTHIANS 4:18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

• **HEBREWS 10:23-25** ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

• **HEBREWS 10:38** But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.”