

## Sermon

Title: *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow:  
Lessons in Providence and Humility*  
Speaker: Pastor Steven Thomas  
Text: James 4:13-17

Introduction: There is a common element woven throughout James chapter four, namely selfish pride. James labors in each section to demonstrate that those with living faith value humility. In today's text, he challenges pretentious worldliness that acts as if God has nothing to do with our lives. It is a timely message for America's current crisis.

**Today's take-home truth: Those with living faith humbly submit to God's will for tomorrow.**

**I. Worldly people live as if God does not exist. 13-14**

- A. They pretend to be in control of their lives. 13
- B. They never consider just how little control they have. 14
  - 1. But no one can control tomorrow.
  - 2. Nor can anyone control how long he lives.

**II. In contrast, Christians humbly submit to God's will. 15**

- A. Express dependence on him each day you live.
- B. Seek his will in all the choices of life.

**III. So, we must guard ourselves against the dangers of worldly attitudes. 16-17**

- A. Recognize that self-reliance is evil. 16
- B. Remember that ignoring God is sin. 17