

**In Life, Be Ready For Course Corrections**  
**Romans 15: 22-33**

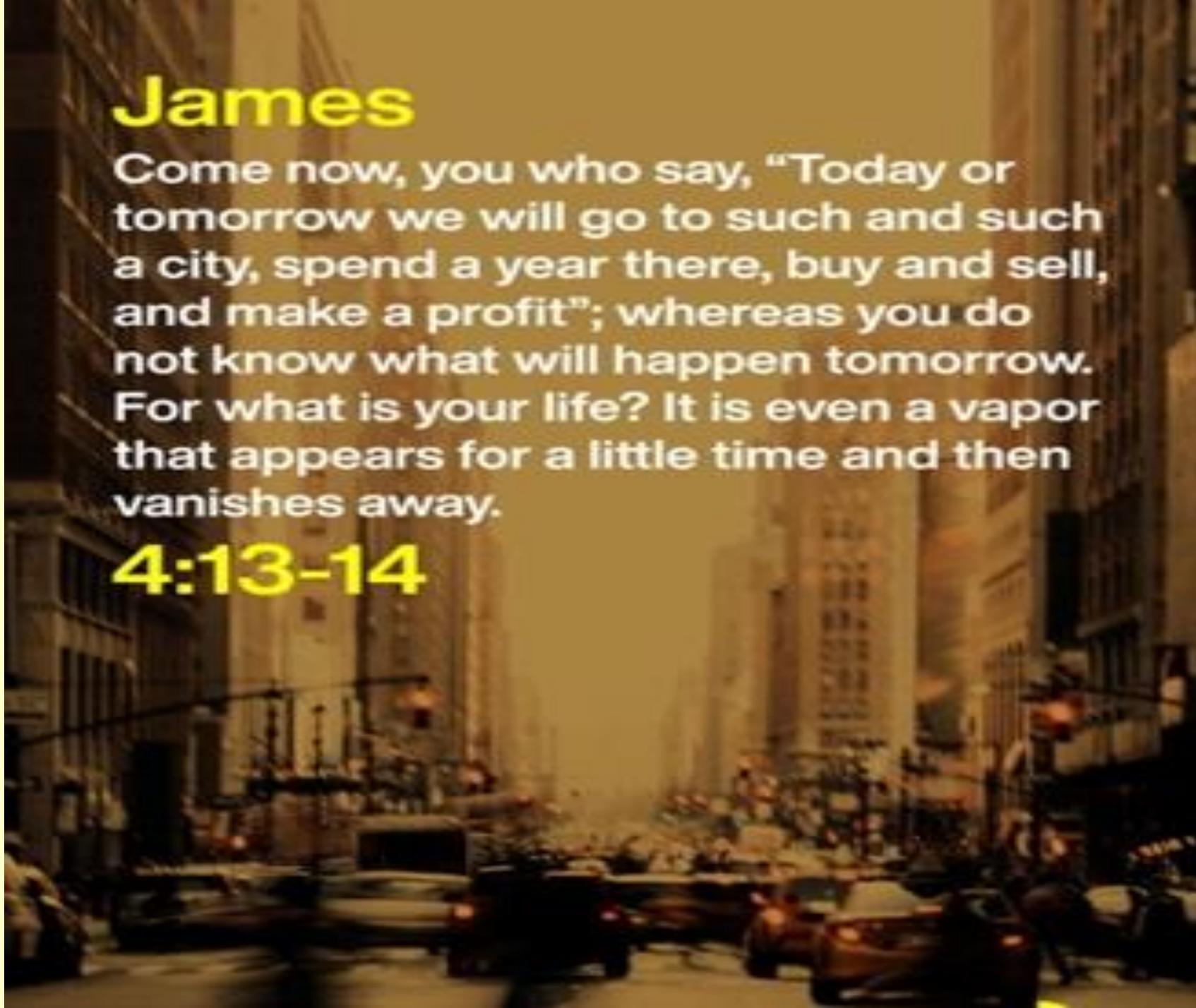
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# James

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

**4:13-14**



Verse 22 - 24

Stay on course and be ready for future  
course corrections

**Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit, led by the Holy Spirit, and yet made plans that did not pan out**

**Anytime we experience a course change, remember, God knows we don't know**

**You never know what God is doing behind the scenes**

**In prison, Paul's witness reached the courts of Nero**

**In his final greeting to the Church in Philippi, Paul sent his greeting *"to those who belong to Caesar's household"***

**Philippians 4: 22**

**Verse 25 - 27**

**Stay on course for the business at hand**

Don't get so future oriented that you forget what needs are right before your eyes

**Plan for the future, yet live in the present, submit your plans to the Lord**

Macedonia and Achaia were Gentile churches; Paul reminds us why this is important (verse 27)

*“For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”*

The duty of every New Testament believer is to support the people of Israel when appropriate

## Verse 28 - 29

*Stay on course* with the urgent, then think the  
future

**What is “*this fruit*”?**

*The offering to meet urgent needs in Jerusalem*

**It takes giving for the Church to function**

**The Pastor of the Church is to be supported by the congregation**  
**1 Timothy 5: 17**

**All are to give something; there is no exception clause in Scripture for this**

**Spirit led giving - 1 Corinthians 16: 2 and 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8**

**The giving attitude is more important than the amount given**

**Verse 30 - 32**

**Stay on course and pray**

**Conclusion**

**Paul was on mission, on course**

Paul wanted help, *prayer help*, from trusted believers in Rome

**Paul believed in prayer, do you? Ephesians 6: 19-20**

Prayer is a place where I can take a moment, quiet my heart, and let my soul marinate in the Word of God, and pray to the God of the Word

**KEY POINT: *Quiet the racing mind!***

**In your life, *stay the course man and woman of God*, knowing course corrections will come!**

**Seasons come and seasons go; life is dynamic, not static**

**God's surprises are a constant you can count on!**

**No matter what season you are in – PRAY!**

**In life, be ready for course corrections and PRAY!**

***Practice the presence of God!***

**God's answers are often not what we expect, but what we need!**

## **CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S PRAYER**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.

*Author unknown*

*Attributed to a battle-weary Confederate States Army soldier near the end of the war*

**May we all come to the end of our lives, through  
all the course corrections, and be able to say:**

***“I AM AMONG ALL MEN  
MOST RICHLY BLESSED!”***