

Christianity For DUMMIES

The Good, The Bad, and
the Ugly

James 4:13–17

1. Tomorrow: The Bad Attitude (13-14, 16)

- What concerns James is the basis of their attitude about tomorrow - a foolish presumption that summarizes their plans!

a. The Complexity of Life (v. 13)

**Life is too complex not
to factor God into our
future plans!**

b. The *Uncertainty* of Life (v. 14a):

c. The *Brevity* of Life (v. 14b):

**Life is too brief not to
factor God into our
future plans!**

d. The *Frailty* of Man (v. 16a)

- Man's boasting only covers up man's *weaknesses*.
- He says such arrogant boasting is *EVIL!*

2. Tomorrow: The Good Attitude (15, 17)

- The true Christian bases his or her plans not on foolish presumption but faithful perspective.

The will of God is
"tailor-made" for each
of us!

3. Tomorrow: The UGLY Attitude.

- Instead of boasting about tomorrow we should speak with humility and submit to the Lord's will.
- Sins of omission are just as heinous, damaging and UGLY in our lives as sins of commission.

Woody Allen once said,
"If you want to make
God laugh, tell him
about your plans."