

**James: A Fruitful Faith  
Living with Open Hands**



James 4:13-17

February 1, 2026

You are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-14)

Hold your \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)

Confidence can \_\_\_\_\_ God (v. 16)

What you \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)

**Questions to think about...**

1. When you think about your daily plans—work, family, or long-term goals—how often do you invite God into them? Why or why not?
2. James talks about presumption—planning as if tomorrow is guaranteed. Can you share a time you thought you were in control and life surprised you?
3. How could saying “If the Lord wills” change the way you talk about your plans or decisions this week?
4. Are there areas of your life where God exists in belief but not in your daily decisions? What would it look like to change that?
5. Verse 17 talks about the sin of omission—failing to do what you know is good. Can you think of a small, everyday example where you’ve delayed obedience or missed an opportunity to do good?
6. In our culture and community, it’s easy to live as if God is optional. Where do you see that, and how could your life be different?
7. James links dependence on God with peace. What are some practical ways you can remind yourself to trust God this week, even in small decisions?