

WITH ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Faith That Works #5

March 8, 2026

James 4:13-17; 5:1-11

Big Idea: Faith works with _____ perspective.

1. _____ your life with an eternal perspective. (James 4:13-17)

- Submit your planning to _____.
- Failure to obey what you know to be right is sin by _____.

2. _____ your life with an eternal perspective. (James 5:1-6; Matt. 6:19-21)

- Invest _____ assets in _____ treasures.
- The only asset on earth of eternal value is _____.

3. Live with patience because Jesus is _____. (James 5:7-11)

- Be patient with _____ because Jesus is coming soon. (2 Peter 3:8-9)
- Be patient with _____ because Jesus is coming soon.
- Be patient in _____ because Jesus is coming soon.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Compare James 4:13-15 with Proverbs 16:3. God doesn't condemn planning. He just wants us to plan with Him. What is your life mission? What is your vision for the next 10 years? How does your mission and vision reflect your mortality? Ask God to help you plan your life with an eternal perspective.

Tuesday: Read Nehemiah 1-2. How did Nehemiah receive a burden from God that became his purpose? How did he plan under the leadership of God? How did he show reliance on God when he cast vision for his plan to the king? How did he analyze the circumstances in Jerusalem and cast vision to the leaders? How can you apply this process to your planning?

Wednesday: What investment strategy can we apply from the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:19-21? How is it possible to invest earthly assets in eternal treasures? What can we learn about this from God's example in John 3:16? People are the only asset on earth with eternal value. How are you investing your life in people? In Matt. 25:31-46 and 28:18-20 Jesus said how our investments will be evaluated.

Thursday: Jesus commands us to invest our time, talent and treasure with an eternal perspective. How did the successful business owner in Luke 12:13-21 miss this? If you were to die tomorrow, would you be "rich toward God"? Read Luke 12:22-31. How does living with an eternal perspective help us to be content with what we have rather than being anxious about not having enough?

Friday: In Matthew 24 Jesus spoke about the end of time and His return. He made it clear that no one knows the day and hour, not even Him (v. 36). How should that mystery inspire our life and work (v. 42-51)? Read Revelation 22:1-21. What else did Jesus say about the timing of His return? How might His return for you be sooner than His second coming? Let that inspire how you plan and invest your life this week.