



Everyone is interested in the future. James warns us about common mistakes we make regarding the future.

3 Common Mistakes:

1. Mistake #1 _____
Now listen, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money. (vs. 13)

The Solution: _____
Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that. (vs. 15)
Make may our plans, but God has the last word. Prov. 16:1 (GN)
We should make plans—counting on God to direct us. Prov. 16:9 (LB)

2. Mistake #2 _____
Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. (vs. 14 & 16)

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1

The Solution: _____
So don't be anxious about tomorrow—God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time. Matt. 6:34

3. Mistake #3 _____
Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it sins. (vs. 17)

The Solution: _____
Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow—when you have it with you."