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# JAMES

# Captain, May I?

# James 4:11-17

“Pride is subtle and shape-shifting. There is more of it at work in our hearts than we know, and more of it pulsing through our busyness than we realize. Pride is the villain with a thousand faces.”



**Kevin DeYoung**





# James 4:11-12

**Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.**

**There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?**

# Leviticus 19:16-17

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**Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.**

# James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.



# Proverbs 3:6

**In all your ways acknowledge him, and  
he will make straight your paths.**

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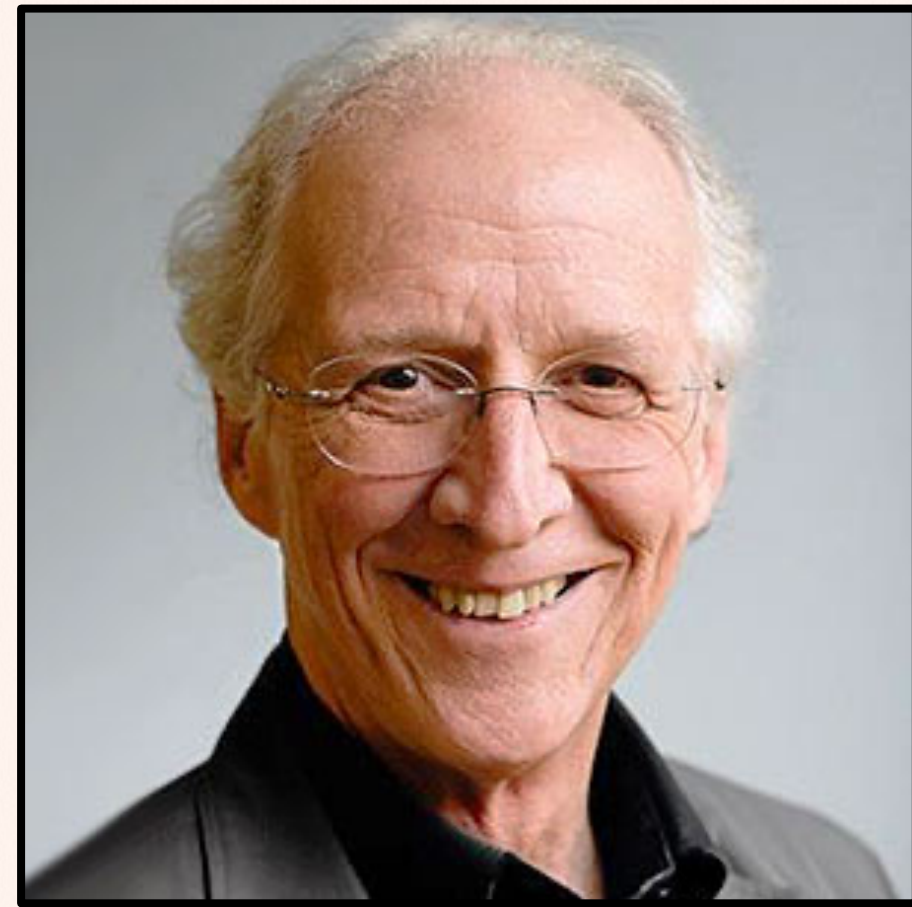
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“There is an operating belief that our future life is knowable, durable, and controllable.

James says that all three of those beliefs are false:

- Tomorrow is unknown.
- Life is a vapor.
- And you don't have decisive control over anything.”



John Piper



# Psalm 39:4-5

**“Lord, let me know my [life’s] end  
And [to appreciate] the extent of my days;  
Let me know how frail I am [how transient is my stay here].**

**“Behold, You have made my days as [short as] hand widths,  
And my lifetime is as nothing in Your sight.  
Surely every man at his best is a mere breath [a wisp vapor  
that vanishes]! Selah.**

# Luke 12:16-21

**But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”**

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# Isaiah 14:13-14 (God, speaking of Satan)

**You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven;  
above the stars of God I will set my throne on  
high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far  
reaches of the north; I will ascend above the  
heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the  
Most High.’**

# Proverbs 16:9

**The heart of man plans his way,  
but the Lord establishes his steps.**





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