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James 4:13-17

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- **Our text introduces us to human arrogance.**
- **We sometimes forget that we are not entirely in control of our lives.**
- **The writer reminds us that to think this way is not only foolish but evil.**

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- **It is, however, within this very candid paragraph that we learn several lessons about life.**
- **Today, we will explore what James wants us to understand about our time here on earth.**
- **Let us all pay close attention!**

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- *Life is.....*

UNCERTAIN

- **James 4:14**
- **Proverbs 27:1**
- **Ecclesiastes 9:12**
- **Matthew 24:43**

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BRIEF

- **James 4:14**
- **Psalm 102:3**
- **Psalm 78:39**

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PURPOSED

- **James 4:15-17**
- **Ephesians. 2:10**
- **Revelation 14:13**

"Live Like You Were Dying"

Philippians 1: 20-26

Summary: What would you do if you knew you were dying? How would you speak to others? What would change?

Tug McGraw, Tim McGraw's father, was hospitalized with a brain tumor in March 2003. He found out that day that he had cancer and was given three weeks to live-he survived nine months. Tim McGraw recorded this song in memory of his father. It is by far one of my favorite songs in country music because when we hear it, it causes most of us to stop and consider a very important question.

How would I live my life if I knew that I was dying? If I knew I only had a short, period to live, how would I live?... How would I make everyday decisions? How would I treat other people?

The apostle Paul who was in jail wrote a letter to the church in Philippi and said Philippians 1:20-26.

Physically something happens; something that changes inside of us, when we are confronted with the possibility of death. Whether it be our own or someone we care deeply about. It causes us to stop and examine our priorities, it causes us to give more thought to our conversations and often we feel compelled to make things right with as many people as possible.

The Jews had 613 commandments to live by. They memorize them but even for the most devout Jew, this was an impossible task. The Pharisees who were all legalists came to Jesus one day and asked him, teacher what is the greatest commandment in the law? **Matthew 22:37 - 40** Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus made it clear that above all the law, there was nothing more important than showing God's love to everyone. You and I must learn to love others as deeply as possible. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus gave the disciples a clear example to follow in this area. And this is the way he put it, "I have set for you an example that you should do as I have done to you." Let me ask you, on a scale of 1-10, how do you rate in this area? If the love of Jesus rated as a 10, what would your number be?

- Jesus said if someone curses at you... Give them a blessing.