

God's Financial Plan for Me

James 4:13-17

Main Point: My financial plans are either pride or trust depending on whether I focus on my desires or God's.

I. Financial Presumption: Focusing on my plan to succeed financially (James 4:13-14)

Presumption: Am I financially humble (James 4:13, 16)?

1. Do I rely on God or on my own wisdom financially? Do I take credit for my financial success?
2. Do I want others to be impressed by my financial skill?
3. What motivates my drive to earn more money?
4. Do I truly grasp the temporary nature of money in the scope of this short life?
5. Do I really want God's will for me financially?

II. Financial Trust: Focusing on God and planning according to His will (James 4:15)

Trust: Am I seeking God's financial will (Matt. 6:19-34)?

1. Are we serving God or money? (Matthew 6:21, 24)
2. Are we worrying about money or focusing on God's eternal purposes? (Matthew 6:33)...*Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you...*

III. Conclusions

- A. The Sin of Presumption: To boast of our plans is sin (James 4:16).
- B. The Sin of Passivity: To do nothing when we know what to do is sin (James 4:17).