

Study Notes --

Parents often tell their children that with hard work and determination, they can become anything they want to be. Is that a good thing to tell your child(ren) or not? Give your reasoning.

When something you plans doesn't happen, who do you blame? Yourself? Someone else? Satan? God?

Thinking back to Sunday's message, what spoke to you, inspired you, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you?

Read **Psalm 102:11**, **144:4**, and **James 4:14**.
What is the main truth of these verses?

How can we recognize the brevity and fragility of life without become depressed and fatalistic?

Read **Psalm 90:12**.
How can knowing our days are numbered led to gaining wisdom?

Describe your attitude when your plans fall apart?

Describe a time when your plans failed, but the Lord turned the situation into something better.

Read **Proverbs 19:20-21**.
Does these verses tell us not to plan for the future?

What does verse 21 teach us about the plans of people and the plans of God?

No matter how much and how well we plan, so much of life is "to be determined." Do you find that comforting or disquieting?

GRACE NOTES

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Message: TBD...

Scripture: James 4:13-17 (ESV)

¹³ 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"—

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

We All Have a Limited Amount of Time

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of |wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

Our Plans Don't Always Turn Out the Way We Planned

"...they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them." (Acts 16:6-7)

And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."

But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

(Luke 12:18-20)

