



LIVING a GOD
DIRECTED **LIFE**

James 4:13-16

HIGGINS FOUNDRY
ATLANTA GA

SEWER

A hand is shown typing on a white keyboard. To the right, a white mouse is visible. In the bottom right corner, a smartphone is partially visible. The background is a plain white surface.

Losses

Misfortunes

Sicknesses Anxiety

Worry

Straining Relationships

Pain



James 4:13-16 (NIV)

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Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

HUMAN FALLEN CONDITION



Living a self directed life
James 4:13

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- 1. Presumption of choice**
- 2. Presumption of ability**

HUMAN LIMITATION



Living a self directed life

James 4:14

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- 1. Our knowledge is limited**
- 2. Our time is limited**



James 4:15

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MIRACLE MIKE

THE HEADLESS CHICKEN

I listened and heard the farmer say,
"We'll have this fowl for lunch today."
Thought I, "There won't be nothin' doin'
I just can't see myself a'stewin'."
So I took the axe and chopped off my head
And he threw me down and left me for dead.
When I hit the ground for a moment I lay
Then I arose and walked away!

I told the farmer Lloyd to his kindly wife,
"That's the strangest thing I've seen in my life."
Said the kindly wife to her farmer man,
"I can't put him in the frying pan—
A fowl that hates so much to die—
There must be some good reason why,
And since he wants so much to live
Every living chance to him we'll give."

Through my exophagus they feed me corn,

APPLICATION 1



Acknowledge God is in charge

James 4:15

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APPLICATION 2



Walk humbly. Depend on God

James 4:16

As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

1 Pet 5:5

God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble

APPLICATION 2

A close-up photograph of a person's hand typing on a white, minimalist keyboard. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame, with fingers resting on the keys. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.


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2 Cor 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me

A small, white smartphone is visible in the bottom right corner of the image, partially cut off by the edge of the frame. The screen is dark, and the phone is oriented vertically.



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