

## **Mist Living**

James 4:13-17

### **Introduction:**

- A. We don't like to think about the brevity of life and it's impact on us or those we love.
- B. James tells us our lives are but a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Have you ever stopped and given much thought to what this means?
- C. My goal is to challenge us to take to heart what James says about our lives being a mist. If we come to such an understanding, our lives will look a little different.

### **Realize Time is Limited**

- A. The rich fool had plenty to live off of for many years, but he wasn't going to be around to enjoy all the pleasures he had stored up (Lk. 12:13-21).
- B. The Bible has a lot to say when it comes to life; especially about it's brevity (Psa. 78:39; Psa. 102:11; Psa. 144:4; Job 14:1-2).
- C. We need to learn to see each day as a gift and not an entitlement.

### **Focus on the Important**

- A. The rich fool lost focus of what was truly important along the way (Lk. 12:16-19).
- B. We need to stop living with the When/Then mindset.
- C. Solomon, who had it all, said, "Everything is meaningless" (Eccl. 1:2).

### **Make Our Lives Count**

- A. The rich fool died and all his wealth meant nothing in the end (Lk. 12:20-21).
- B. The only part of our lives that we have any control over is the dash between the day of our birth and the day of our death (Psa. 90:12).
- C. We can't add years to our lives, so why not add life to our years!

### **Conclusion:**

- A. The best way to live as a mist is to live with the end in mind.
- B. Let's live each day knowing that our time on earth is temporary (Heb. 11:13-16).
- C. We don't need more time on earth, we need more wisdom in making every day we live on earth matter.