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## TWO SOBER WARNINGS

JAMES 4:13-17, 5:1-2

### The Audience:

- Self centered \_\_\_\_\_ and self sufficient \_\_\_\_\_

### The Causes of All Conflict:

- People were \_\_\_\_\_ (4:2)

### The Warning:

<sup>13</sup>"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.' <sup>16</sup>As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil <sup>17</sup> If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

<sup>1</sup>"Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. <sup>2</sup>Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes." James 4:13-17, 5:1-2

## Why Does This Matter Today?

Self-centeredness, self-indulgence, self-righteousness and self-sufficiency always result in profound \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Listen: Pride \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Listen: Greed \_\_\_\_\_

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“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ -Luke 12:15,18-20

## “The right Vision for life, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_”

*All moments are key moments and life itself is grace, every moment the big obviously dramatic one’s, and the really small ones apparently insignificant ones, every moment is key, every moment is precious, and is God’s gift to you.*

-Frederick Buechner writes: “In The Last Analysis”

*“This is the day that the Lord has made. We shall rejoice and be glad in it.”*  
-Psalms 118:26,

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*  
-Ephesians 2:10 ESV

*17If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.” -James 4:17*