



**Ancient Wisdom
for Modern Times**

Attitude Towards Life

James 4:13-17

I. We don't really control anything.

James 4:13-14 (NLT)

¹³ Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” ¹⁴ How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.

James 4:15-17 (NLT)

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There are a variety of responses
to that simple fact.

Defiance

Laughter

Question

Relief

What's your view of God?

II. Presumptive living is in fact arrogance.

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III. We must not live as though we have ultimate control; instead, we are blessed to know God's will reigns.

Proverbs 15:22 (ESV)

²² Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)

⁹ The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)

²¹ Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.



Pray, act on biblical principles,
and trust God to rule everything
as he sees fit!