

How Our Jobs Can Destroy Our Relationships

James 4:13-17

Series: Five Lies That Ruin Relationships - Part 3

Introduction – Henry’s “good job” was a bad deal!

I. Why Do We Make Bad Job Decisions?

Exhibit A = James 4:13

“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.’”

James 4:13 NAS

- **The Business Plan Included:**

- He Chooses His _____
- He Selects His _____
- He Limits His _____
- He Defines His _____
- He Projects His _____

- **The Problem = The Business Plan Excluded _____!**

“Commit to the Lord, whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”
Proverbs 16:3 NIV

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.”
Proverbs 16:9 NIV

**SUMMARY = BAD DECISIONS ABOUT WORK FLOW FROM
FALSE ASSUMPTIONS**

“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.”

James 4:14 NIV

1. False Assumption #1 =

Life is _____

2. False Assumption #2 =

Life is _____

II. How Do We Make Good Decisions About Work?

“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 and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.”

James 4:15-17 NIV

1. Make God's Will the foundation for all decision making.

v. 15

2. Recognize the root cause of planning apart from God.

v. 16

3. Don't buy the lie.

**_____ WORK
OPPORTUNITIES ARE AUTOMATICALLY
THE WILL OF GOD**

4. Act on your God-given dreams and impulses.

v. 17

**CONCLUSION – A word of hope for those who have
bought the lie and paid the price:**

“GOD WANTS TO RESTORE YOU!”

Discussion Questions

1. Why do our work decisions have such a significant impact on our relationships?
2. What are two common assumptions that lead to bad decisions regarding our work? Share a time or experience that verifies the reality of this truth.
3. From today’s study, what three guidelines would you give to someone who came to you for advice concerning a big job opportunity?

What aspect of this message/passage impacted you the most? Why? What practical application could this truth have in your life right now?