

# TOMORROW—A DAY AWAY, WITH NO GUARANTEE

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## James 4:13-15 (NIV)

**13** 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.”

**14** 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. **15** Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

Introduction: Predicting the future has always been a shot in the dark.

The book The World's Worst Predictions lists some of history's all-time prophetic goofs:

- King George II said in 1773 that the American colonies had little stomach for revolution.
- An official of the White Star Line, speaking of the firm's newly built flagship, the Titanic, launched in 1912, declared that the ship was unsinkable.
- In 1939 The New York Times said the problem of TV was that people had to glue their eyes to a screen, and that the average American wouldn't have time for it.
- An English astronomy professor said in the early 19th century that air travel at high speed would be impossible because passengers would suffocate.
- Marshal Ferdinand Foch in 1911: "Airplanes are interesting toys, but they have no military value."
- Business Week, 1958: "With over 50 foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the U.S. market."
- Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, on December 4, 1941: "Whatever happens, the U.S. Navy is not going to be caught napping."
- Economist Irving Fisher on October 16, 1929: "Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau."

The World's Worst Predictions, in *Reader's Digest*, March 1991.

## I. CAUTION: MAKING PLANS AS IF YOU HAVE CONTROL IS AN ILLUSION.

A. It's good to have a plan.

B. Plans are at best, plans, or a strategy.

## **II. LISTEN: WE ALL FACE LIMITATIONS**

- A. We are limited by what we don't know.
- B. We are limited because we are human and finite.

## **III. REMEMBER: GOD'S WILL IS ALWAYS THE BOTTOM LINE**

- A. The solution for facing tomorrow with limitations is knowing God has a plan for your life.
- B. Bringing all our plans under the guidance of God's plan will ensure the best possible tomorrow.

## **CONCLUSION**

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

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