



KINGDOM COMPASS – PART 8

INCONVENIENCE AND BUSYNESS

PLAN IN CONVERSATION WITH GOD

JAMES 4:13-14

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.**

**The future is uncertain and beyond our control.
Life is short and time is precious.**

JAMES 4:15-16

Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ **As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.**

Planning without God is foolish and arrogant.

Making Plans with God

- **Submit to God’s sovereignty**
- **Know that you are dependent**
- **Rely on God’s infinite knowledge**
- **Defer to God’s will**
- **Honor God’s holiness**

INSIST ON THE IMPORTANT

LUKE 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called **Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.** ⁴⁰ **But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”**

⁴¹ **“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”**

**Busyness favors urgent things—not important things.
The calendar DOES reflect the compass. What we truly value is revealed in our plans and activities.**

DO THE GOOD YOU KNOW

JAMES 4:17

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

MATTHEW 25:31-33, 41-45

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

⁴² **For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’**

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried”

—G. K. Chesterton