

## INCLUDING GOD IN OUR PLANNING

James 4:13 (NIV) *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.*

Luke 4:18 (TLB) *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him."<sup>20</sup> He closed the book and handed it back to the attendant and sat down, while everyone in the synagogue gazed at him intently.<sup>21</sup> Then he added, "These Scriptures came true today!"*

<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.*

### How can we include God in our planning?

#### **1). I am going to *trust* in the sovereignty of God.**

"Yahweh"= I AM.

Exodus 3:15 (NIV) *God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.*

#### **2). I am going to *submit* to the work of God.**

James 4:7 (NIV) *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

<sup>17</sup> *If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.*

Sins of commission=doing something wrong.

Sins of omission= omitting something you should do.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*