

Christ•ian•ly

adjective & adverb

(a) adjective characteristic of or benefitting a Christian; **(b) adverb** in a Christianly manner.

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James 4:13-5:11

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the

name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

***MAIN IDEA:** Live as though you belong to the Lord.

1- Your life belongs to God. (4:13-17)

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- **Make your plans with open hands.**
- **Resist an arrogant motive.**

2- Your stuff is not God. (5:1-6)

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- **Be generous with your stuff.**
- **Prioritize for eternity.**

“James speaks of four reasons for the wealthy landowners to weep: Their wealth is temporal and subject to the ravages of time, they are guilty of a crime against their sisters and brothers, they will be judged and condemned for this selfish use of temporal goods, and they have been adding to their material treasure as if they world will go on forever.” -NIV Application Commentary, pg. 270

Matthew 6:19-21— *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

3- Your patience and steadfastness will be worth it. (5:7-11)

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- **Confidently wait.**
- **Patiently endure.**

Galatians 6:9— *Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.*

- **Do you know the Lord?**
- **How can you remind yourself regularly that you belong to the Lord?**