Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### THY KINGDOM COME: WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW James 4:13-17

### BOASTS ABOUT TOMORROW

What is considered boastfulness? Making plans on our own. Living as "practical atheists" (MacArthur)

What's the problem? We don't know tomorrow. "Our life is...a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."

## "Instead, you ought to say, 'IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.""

Once again, it is required of us that we seek the face of God in EVERYTHING we do. 'Our' lives? His. 'Our' calendars? His. 'Our' days? His. 'Our' strength? His. 'Our' very breath? His

We belong to Him...

#### "As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil."

# Not ill-advised, nor poor judgment, nor simply careless, but EVIL.

Why evil? Because it drips with pride

### EPHESIANS 5:15-17

Live wisely, "making the most of every opportunity" Some "redeeming the time." In general usage, "to buy up all that can be bought, not allowing a suitable moment to pass by unheeded."

"...the days are evil" Abounding in troubles and persecutions. Evangelize while we have the chance

Not seeking after/knowing the Lord's will is foolishness.

Redeeming the time has everything to do with the way we live, because our witness for the Gospel is directly impacted by it.

For context, consider Eph. 4:17 – 5:14

See also Colossians 4:2-6

Careless living can be damaging to our Christian witness, but there's another carelessness that can be more than just damaging;

it can be damning.

See Matthew 25:1-13

### MATTHEW 25:1-13

#### "And the door was shut" Vs. 10 Reminiscent of Genesis 7:16

The consequences of not living with eternity in view are in fact eternal consequences