

## **UNCONTROLLABLE UNEXPECTED**

Life is full of surprises - Some of which take life in unwelcome directions. I still remember the Shockwave that hit our family several decades ago when my father lost his job through no fault of his own. With a house full of kids to feed, it was a jarring blow. But as certainly as Dad's jobless was beyond his control and unexpected, he still knew he could trust God for his future.

As Jesus' followers, we must recognize that there are things in life that are the "Uncontrollable expected", as I call them. To help us in those moments, James 4: 13 - 15 offers this wisdom; "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow..... Instead you ought to say 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that'". The people to whom James was writing were making plans while excluding God's prerogative to direct their lives.

Is it wrong to plan for the future? Of course not. It is unwise, however to forget that God may allow some "Uncontrollable Unexpected" - events as fit. Ultimately all that happens is for the best - even when it's hard to see. We must trust Him and His plans for our future.

We may not know what the future holds, but we can trust the one who holds the future.

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