



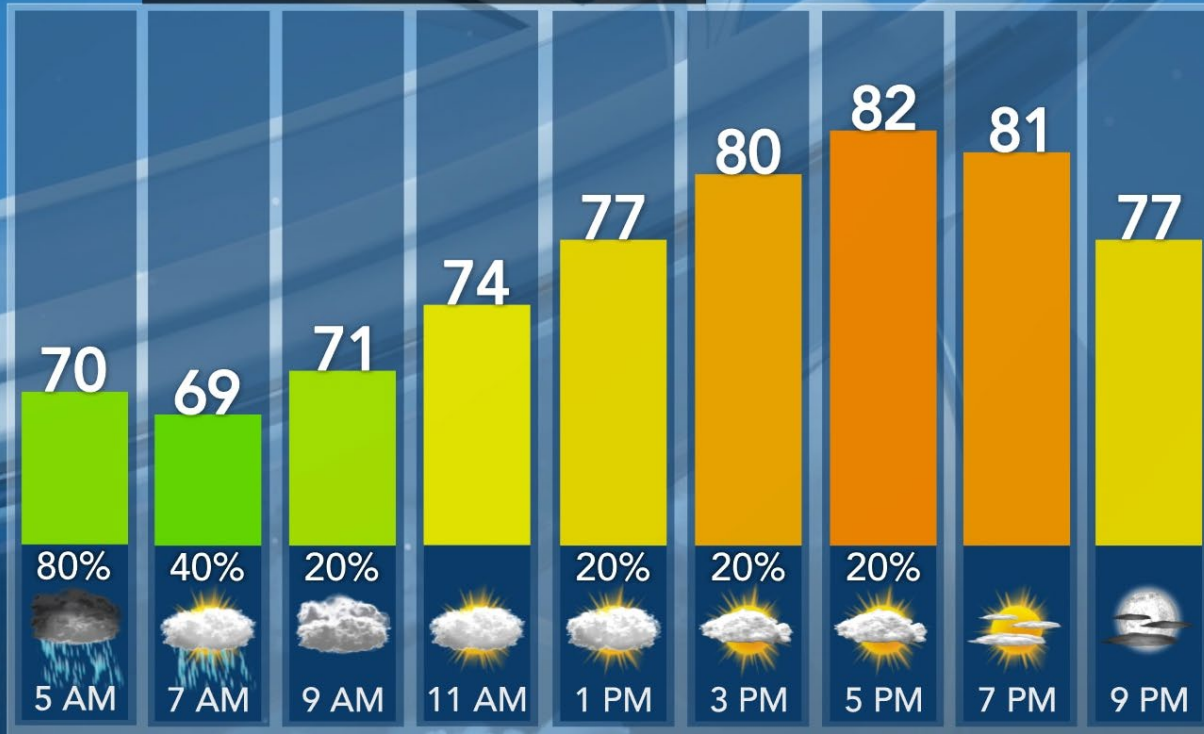
“Boasting About Tomorrow”

JAMES 4:13-17



HOUR BY HOUR FORECAST

TODAY - TONIGHT



Group
Question:
What Do
You See?

Like the weather, tomorrow is too uncertain and unpredictable for us to boast in our own plans instead of the Lord's.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Key concepts, phrases and words

CONCEPTS

Tomorrow
vv. 13-16

“What is Life?”
vv. 14

Human will
vs.
the Lord’s will
vv. 13 & 15

Sinful boasting
vv. 16 & 17

Words

kerdaino- Greek word for **profit** (vv. 13) which denotes exchanging what is mediocre for the better, “trading up”

Based upon Strong's Greek Concordance via biblehub.com/greek/2770.htm

atmis - Greek word for **vapor** (vv.14) which refers to mist
Biblehub.com/Greek/822.htm

thelo – Greek word for **will** (vv.14) which means to desire, wish, want what is best... “is commonly used of the Lord extending His ‘best-offer’ to the believer”

Biblehub.com/Greek/2309.htm

Alazoneia – related to the neck and what holds up one’s head...”living with your head held high”

Lessons about tomorrow:

Tomorrow is unpromised,
(v.14)

Tomorrow is unpredictable,
(v.14).

Tomorrow is under God's
control, (v. 15).

Tomorrow should be lived on
God's Terms, (v.16-17)

Group Questions

1. In what ways do our lives prove to be a *vapor*?

2. Can you recall a time(s) when your plans failed but God's will turned out to be the "*better-offer*"?

3. How can you apply this lesson to your life moving forward?

4. Since God is not against *boasting* in and of itself, in whom and how should we boast?

Parting
Thought:

“Tomorrow
belongs to
God!”

