

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## If the Lord Wills - James 4:15

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- I. **Being An Active Christian**
  - A. How do you want people (God) to describe your Christianity?
  - B. I never feel active enough – always MORE I could do!
  - C. **James 4:15** - “If the Lord wills...” = The KEY to being active
- II. **A Description of Our Active Christian Life**
  - A. What He’s NOT Describing:
    1. **James 1:26** - “religiousness”
    2. **James 2:14** - what we CLAIM to be / call ourselves
  - B. What IS Active Christianity (James’ description)?
    1. **James 1:26** - reigning in the tongue, shows in your speech
    2. **James 1:26** - looking after orphans and widows
    3. **James 1:26** - keep yourself unstained by the world
    4. **James 2:15-16** - providing for our brethren’s needs
    5. **James 3:18** - sowing in peace – yielding righteousness
    6. **James 4:7-10** - list of activities
    7. **James 5:16** - confessing and praying for each other
    8. **James 5:19-20** - bringing our brother back to the truth
  - C. **Application:** We tend to be like Naaman - give me the BIG thing
- III. **Our Excuses/Reasons For NOT Being Active**
  - A. **James 1:13** - God is making it too challenging
  - B. **James 2:10-11** - But I AM doing some good
  - C. **James 2:14** - I am a “Christian”
  - D. **James 3:9-10** - I praise and honor God
  - E. **James 4:4** - worldly pursuits / desires
  - F. **James 4:11** - I’m making sure everyone else is in line
  - G. **James 5:9** - “they” aren’t doing their part!
  - H. **James 4:13-17** - I’m busy with MY life - later on I will DO it
- IV. **Learning to Be Active**
  - A. So How Do We Change All That?
    1. Realize we only “have” right NOW
    2. The MOST we have is a vapor
    3. Trust that God is in control
    4. Stop being arrogant - thinking you are in control