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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update
- **Today's topic: Beware of the Bravado of Business Plans**



Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. –James 4:13-16

Would you agree that there's a lot of testosterone and bravado in the business world? While it is good, wise and appropriate to have dreams, visions and plans for the future of the business, be very careful about (a) becoming totally consumed by the development and implementation of a business plan and (b) boasting about what you're going to do with the business in the future. You do not control or know the future, only God does.

What are some of the specific dangers of being overly ambitious about your business plan?

What are some pros and cons of having precise expectations and goals?

Looking back, have you ever seen a business plan come "true?" Or be "false?"

As 2014 winds down and 2015 arises, how is the Lord speaking to you about future plans?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of trusting the Lord with your future?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by trusting Him more for the future of the business?										
What specific actions can you take trust Him more for the future of the business?										

- Next meeting: 11/19, "This Is My Story" on 12/3 with David Schmid
- Other news: JesusFest Pavilion at Lifetyles Expo CT on 11/8
- Closing prayer