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**Greater Hartford Chapter  
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- Welcome! Opening prayer, praise reports
- FCCI update (conference, groups, Sept 4 *This Is My Story*)
- Today's topic: **Do you pass the PUFF test?**



***“For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”*** --James 4:14b

This week, I ran across a fascinating description of time: “the period between two eternities (eternity past & eternity future).”

Let's read and dissect the context of this passage (v. 13-17).

v13: It's good to have a vision and sense of direction for the business. However, this verse is where secular business plans stop because the Lord is not part of these business plans. They are basically plans of what man intends to do.

v14-15: The reality is that you do not know what tomorrow will bring. You may have expectations, hopes, plans, dreams, and schedules but there are no guarantees that they will come true.

Look in the mirror! Do you see a vapor? You should! Your life appears briefly and vanishes. Verse 16 contains a divine caveat to your plans: IF THE LORD WILLS. Without this caveat, your plans are sheer pontificating. All of your goals and ambitions should be subject to the PUFF test:

- P = Person**
- U = Under**
- F = Father's**
- F = Favor**

v17: It's a sin to pontificate about our plans without giving our heavenly Father sovereignty to direct our paths. The Christian journey is a continuous mindset of trust and dependence.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of the PUFF test	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?										
What specific actions can you take to trust Him more?										

- Next meeting on August 21
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer