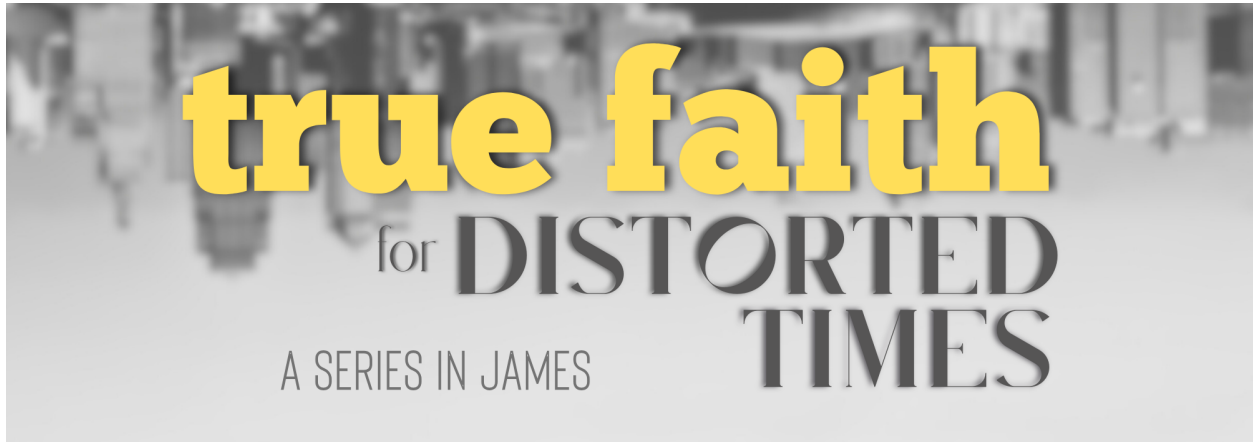




Series: True Faith for Distorted Times (09)

Title: True Wealth

Scripture: James 5:1-6

Theme Verse: *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* **John 13:34–35 ESV**

September: *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* **James 1:22**

October: *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

James 4:7

November: *"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."* **James 5:16**

Two things reveal what a person really cares about: their calendar and their checkbook. We either love and serve God or we love and serve money. The love of God leads to life and prosperity. The love of money leads to danger and death. (1 Tim. 6:6-10; Matt. 6:24)

1. The love of money stores up perishable treasures on earth. The love of God (True Faith) lays up eternal treasures in heaven. (vs. 1-3; Matt. 6:19-21)
 - **WARNING 1** - God is coming to judge the sin of hoarding wealth. (2 Peter 3:10; Luke 12:15-21)
 - **PROMISE 1** - Storing treasures in heaven is hiding God's Word in our heart and serving the Lord. (Matt. 6:19-24; Psalm 119:72, 127; Ecc. 3:14; 1 Peter 1:3-9)
2. The love of money withholds what is due to others. The love of God (True Faith) generously gives to benefit others. (v. 4)
 - **WARNING 2** - God is coming to judge the sin of cheating others. (Prov. 22:22-23)
 - **PROMISE 2** - Storing treasures in heaven is blessing others and spending our money wisely. (Matt. 6:1-4)

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3. The love of money lives for yourself and your gain at all costs. The love of God (True Faith) lives for God, others, and the expansion of the Kingdom. (vs. 5-6)
- WARNING 3 - God is coming to judge the sin of living in self indulgence. (v. 5)
 - PROMISE 3 - Storing treasures in heaven is investing in the work of the gospel around the world. (2 Cor. 9:6-8)
 - WARNING 4 - God is coming to judge the sin of condemning men. (v. 6)
 - PROMISE 4 - Storing treasures in heaven is believing and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. (1 Tim. 6: 17-20; 2 Cor. 8:7-9)

NOW WHAT?

- Pray - Not if you should give your time, but where to give your time?
- Give - Not if you should give to missions, but how much?
- Go - Ask God not if you should go, but where?
- Tell - Ask God not if you should tell, but to whom should you tell?