



Let's Talk About... - Week 6

3 “BEs” of Money

James 5:1-6 (NIV)

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

1. BE SMART

- Money is never the best indicator of a wealthy life.

Proverbs 15:16 (NIV)

Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.

- Money isn't bad, it's just not ultimate.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

- Nothing in life has a greater potential for driving a wedge between you and God than money.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NIV)

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

- I am a “steward,” not an owner.
- Stewardship: managing God’s resources for God’s glory.

1 Corinthians 10:26 (NIV)

for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

→ Am I living today more like a “steward” or an “owner?”

2. BE GENEROUS

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

- Generosity reflects the heart of our King.
- Generosity provides our faith the ability to intersect with God’s faithfulness.
- Withholding is never a math problem, but always a trust problem.

→ Is your life defined more by greed or generosity?

3. BE CAREFUL

- When it comes to money, be careful to earn it honestly.

Proverbs 11:1 (NIV)

The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.

- When it comes to money be careful to save it wisely.

Proverbs 21:20 (NASB)

There is precious treasure and oil in the home of the wise, But a foolish person swallows it up.

→ How am I leveraging my earthly resources for eternal transformation?

→ Is it worth standing before God having financed your kingdom and neglected His?

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.