

"Watch Out For Wealth!"

James 5:1-6

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1. _____ : **The Cost of the Crime: Vs. 1-3a**

Vs. 1: Come now, you rich, **weep and howl** for the miseries that are coming upon you.

A. _____ : Vs. 2a: Your riches have rotted...

Luke 12:16-20: ...But God said to him, '**Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?**'

B. _____ : Vs. 2b: and your garments are moth-eaten.

Matthew 6:28-32: And why are you anxious about clothing?...For the Gentiles seek after all these things, **and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.**

C. _____ : Vs. 3a: Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire.

Revelation 20:11-15: ...**And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

2. _____ : **The Charges that Condemn: Vs. 3b-6**

A. _____ : Vs. 3b: You have laid up treasure in the last days.

Matthew 6:19: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal..."

B. _____ : Vs. 4,6: Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts... You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

C. _____ : Vs. 5: You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

3. _____ : **Challenges for our Consideration**

A. _____ for the love of wealth!

1 Tim. 6:10: For the **love of money** is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

Matthew 6:19-21: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**"

B. Be _____ to Those who Serve You!

C. _____ in God's Kingdom!

Matthew 6:33: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Discussion Questions:

- How is wealth deceitful? How have you seen it create a desire for more and a distraction from God?
- Read the wisdom of Prov. 30:8-9. What does "enough" look like in your life?
- Read Matt. 19:16-22. How do possessions try to "possess" us? Do the possessions God has given you serve you, or do you serve them? What is the difference?
- How can we be generous to those who serve us? How should we care well for the employees we supervise and the people we lead?
- How could you invest more of your life in God's kingdom?