

James: The Misuse of Money!

James 5:1-6

Money, in truth, is one of the most unsatisfying of possessions. It takes away some cares, no doubt; but it brings with it quite as many cares as it takes away. There is trouble in the getting of it. There is the anxiety in the keeping it. There are the temptations in the use of it. There is the guilt in the abuse of it. There is the sorrow in the losing of it. There is the perplexity in the disposing of it. – money!- J.C. Ryle

“It is possible to love money without having it and it is possible to have money without loving it”- J.C. Ryle

➤ **Wealth Can Lead to Great Heartache! (vs. 1)** _____

➤ **Wealth Can Lead to Spiritual Foolishness! (vs. 2-3)** _____

➤ **Wealth Can Lead to Many Sins! (vs. 4-6)** _____

- Injustice/ Robbery
- Self-Indulgence
- Condemnation/ Murder

➤ **Important Truths About Wealth!**

- It is dangerous to desire to be rich (I Tim. 6:9-10)
- There are no U-Hauls behind hearses (I Tim 6:7)
- We, as believers, are to live with a ‘Wartime Simplicity’ lifestyle (I Tim. 6:8, Heb. 13:5-6)

Resources: The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn/ Redeeming Money: How God Reveals and Reorients our Hearts/ Money, Possessions & Eternity by Alcorn by Paul Tripp