

BEING WISE WITH YOUR WEALTH ***BUILDING A FAITH THAT WORKS – James 5:1-6***

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PRAYER REQUESTS & OPENING PRAYER

READ JAMES 5:1-6: **(NIV)** *1Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3Your 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. 4Look! 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. 5You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.*

I. THE WRONG USES OF WEALTH -- AVOID THESE!

ISSUE #1 -- THE A _____ OF WEALTH:

DON'T H _____ IT.

"You have hoarded wealth in the last days..." (vs. 3)

"Your wealth has rotted ... moths have eaten your clothes, ... your gold and silver are corroded ..." (vs 2-3)

Results: Whatever I accumulate will D _____:

ISSUE #2 -- THE A _____ OF WEALTH:

DON'T S _____ IT

"The wages you have failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you." (v. 4)

ISSUE #3 -- THE A _____ OF WEALTH:

DON'T W _____ IT

"You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence." (vs. 5)

ISSUE #4 -- THE A _____ OF WEALTH:

DON'T A _____ IT

"You have condemned and ruined innocent men, and they are powerless to stop you." (vs. 6 PH)

II. THE RIGHT USES OF WEALTH -- PRACTICE THESE!

1. RIGHT ACCUMULATION: We ought to S M F.

"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." Prov. 21:20 (LB)

KEYS TO SAVING:

1. Learn to L O A M.

2. Learn C.

VALID REASONS FOR SAVING:

1. It prepares us for a F E.

2. It allows us to H O P.

2. RIGHT APPROPRIATION: We ought to get money by the **RIGHT MEANS**.

"Wealth from gambling quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows." Proverbs 13:11 (LB)

"Hard work brings a profit; mere talk leads to poverty." Proverbs 14:23

QUESTION? How much money can I make?

ANSWER: As much as you can!

QUALIFICATIONS: As long as it doesn't hurt these things:

1. **MY H** _____

2. **MY F** _____

3. **OTHER P** _____

4. **MY S** _____ **L** _____

3. RIGHT ALLOCATION: We are to S M W.

"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." Proverbs 21:5

THE KEY: B.

4. RIGHT APPLICATION: We need to G M G.

"It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes the generous man shall be rich. By watering others, he waters himself."

Proverbs 11:24-25 (LB)

"Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven ..." Matthew 6:20

How? - Luke 16:1-9

"On every Sunday, put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you to earn." I Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

CLOSING MEDITATION & PRAYER