

Using Wealth for Today
James 5:1-6
12-6-20

2 Corinthians 9:11; Ecclesiastes 1:8; 2:4-11; 5:10

“We cannot find permanent significance in impermanent things. We find significance by joining the kingdom and the cause of God” (Doriani)

Wrong Uses of Wealth:

I. Stockpiling. (*James 5:1-3*)

Matthew 6:19

II. Cheating Others. (*James 5:4*)

2 Corinthians 5:21

III. Excess. (*James 5:5*)

IV. Sinning. (*James 5:6*)

Proper Uses of Wealth:

I. Working.

Proverbs 13:11; 14:23; 16:8; 23:4

II. Saving.

Proverbs 21:20; 30:25; Philippians 4:19

III. Planning.

Proverbs 27:23; Matthew 6:33

IV. Giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7; Proverbs 11:24-25; 1 Corinthians 16:2

Matthew 6:20-21

Going Deeper This Week

1. What has God done recently in and through you?
2. How often does your sin or other sin cause you to weep? Explain.
3. How has your view of money and things changed over the years? What do you want your children, grandchildren or loved ones to know about money, things and generosity?
4. Why is James so hard on the "rich"? (those that love money, stuff and riches) List all the reasons that James gives in 5:1-6. Which one are you more aware of now in your own life and family?
5. Read and be encouraged with some key truths about being a giving person. 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:7,11, Proverbs 21:26, Luke 6:38, 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and Deuteronomy 14:23.