



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR

STEWARDING WEALTH WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

JAMES 5:1-6

Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - November 14, 2021

1. Invest _____
(vv. 1-3)

James 5:1-6 (ESV)

5 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 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. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

2. Trust _____
(v. 4)

3. Give _____
(v. 5)

4. Don't _____
(v. 6)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Matthew 6:19–21.** In what ways have you been faithful to “store up treasures in heaven,” and in what ways would you like to be more faithful? How can you live more focused on eternity rather than this short life when it comes to your wealth?
- 2. Read Matthew 6:25–34.** Do you trust the Lord to provide for all of your needs? In what ways have you not trusted the Lord with this in the past? How can you continue to trust Him more?
- 3.** Have you been tempted to commit any of the “Short-Sighted Rich’s” offenses (Hoarding Possessions, Gaining Wealth Dishonestly, Indulging Selfishly, Maintaining Wealth Unethically)? If so, how have you (or will you) avoid sinning in these specific ways?
- 4. Read Mark 12:41–44 and 2 Corinthians 9:6–8.** How can you grow to be more faithful and cheerful when it comes to giving your wealth to the Lord?
- 5.** Spend time praying and discussing (with a spouse or friend) about how you can more faithfully serve God with the wealth that He has entrusted you to steward. Share with the group some of the actionable items from this time in prayer and discussion.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alcorn, Randy. *Money, Possessions, and Eternity*. Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2003.
Steer, Roger. *George Müller: Delighted in God*. Christian Focus, 2015..
Moo, Douglas. *The Letter of James*. Eerdmans, 2000.
MacArthur, John. *Anxious For Nothing*. David C Cook, 2012..

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for everyone in our church to give to God generously, faithfully, and joyfully.
Pray for everyone in our church to serve faithfully as we prepare to add a third service in January.
Pray for everyone in our church to be faithful to share the gospel with lost souls in the valley.
Pray that our church will faithfully pray for the Taking Ground project in November.
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
11/15	Ezekiel 13-15	Psalms 126	John 8:48-59	1 John 4
11/16	Ezekiel 16	Psalms 127	John 9:1-12	1 John 5
11/17	Ezekiel 17-19	Psalms 128	John 9:13-24	2 John
11/18	Ezekiel 20	Psalms 129	John 9:25-41	3 John
11/19	Ezekiel 21-22	Psalms 130	John 10:1-21	Jude 1-13
11/20	Ezekiel 23-24	Psalms 131	John 10:22-30	Jude 14-25