



## Real Faith Uses Wealth To Bless Others

**James 5:1-6**

**James 5:1 (ESV)** Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

**Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...

### **THE WAR ON YOUR FAITH COMES FROM YOUR HEART OF GREED**

#### **Characteristics Of A Wicked Greedy Heart:**

1. The Greedy Heart **USELESSLY HOARDS** Wealth
2. The Greedy Heart **PLACES TRUST IN** Wealth
3. The Greedy Heart **JUDGES OTHERS BASED ON** Wealth

### **THE GOSPEL IS THE SOLUTION FOR GREED**

#### **Gospel Truth To Live By:**

1. It ALL **BELONGS TO** God
2. Giving is about the **GIVER**, not the **RECEIVER**
3. God's New Testament Giving Plan
  - a. **REGULAR** 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2
  - b. **SACRIFICIAL** Luke 21: 1-4
4. God has given you **EVERYTHING**

**Luke 16:10-11 (ESV)** One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

1. God has given us money so that we will not worship **MONEY** but so that we will use our money for God's **GLORY**
2. Using Money for God's Glory
  - a. Provide for **OUR FAMILIES**
  - b. Give to win **THE LOST**
  - c. Devote to **HIS SERVICE**
  - d. Help the **NEEDY**

**James 4:14 (ESV)** ...yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

***Are you living for eternity or are you living for today?***