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*James 5:1-6 (NIV)*

### INDICTMENT OF THE WICKED WEALTHY

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### THE WICKED WEALTHY SHOULD WEEP!

Because of their...

1. Greedy \_\_\_\_\_ 5:1-3
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and Shameful Injustice 5:4
3. Unrestrained Self-\_\_\_\_\_ 5:5
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Oppression 5:6

### Seven Scriptural Principles For Viewing and Handling Money God's Way

### ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S OWNERSHIP

**Psalm 24:1** The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**Haggai 2:8** 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty.

**Deuteronomy 8:17** You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

### PRIORITIZE THE LORD AND HIS WORK

**Proverbs 3:9** Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops...

### TAKE CARE OF YOUR FAMILY

**1 Timothy 5:8** If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

### DO GOOD TO GOD'S FAMILY

**Galatians 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

### PAY WHAT YOU OWE

**Romans 13:7** Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. <sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

### SAVE FOR THE FUTURE

**Proverbs 6:6** Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! <sup>7</sup> It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, <sup>8</sup> yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

**Proverbs 21:20** In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

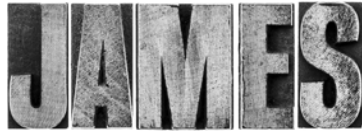
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#### A. Bless the Poor

**Luke 18:22** (Jesus) said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven ..."

#### B. Leverage wealth for relational evangelism

**Luke 16:9** I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.



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