



THE EVIDENCE OF A
GENUINE FAITH

PURSUING WHAT
MATTERS TO GOD

Stewardship of
your Riches
(James 4:13 - 5:6)

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*Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'. – James 4:15
But God said, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. – Lk 12:20*

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose. – Jim Elliott

Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's His provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with His money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build His kingdom in heaven. – Randy Alcorn

1. The Stewardship of the Time that is Given to Us (4:13 – 17)

- The Uncertainty of tomorrow

- The Uncertainty of our lives

- The Certainty of the Lord's Will

2. The Stewardship of the Money that is Given to Us (5:1 – 6)

- The Riches that will testify against us

- The Evidence that will reach the highest court

- The Lifestyle on earth that pleases God



Study and Discussion Questions

James 5:1-6

Open It

1. How much does it take to be considered rich in your community?
2. How does money change people?

Explore It

3. What warning did James give to rich people? (5:1-3)
4. Who should "weep and wail"? Why? (5:1-6)
5. What attitude does God have toward hoarding wealth? (5:3)
6. How have rich people hurt others? (5:4-6)
7. What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for rich people? (5:5)

Get It

8. How do money and riches affect our relationship with God?
9. How does God want us to handle money?
10. What does it mean to live in "luxury and indulgence"?
11. How should a Christian business owner or employer be different from others who do not follow Christ?
12. How does a person's use of money reflect what is important to him or her?
13. How can we use money to reflect what is important to God?

Apply It

14. What changes can you make in your habitual use of money to please God?
15. What plans for the future can you make to reflect God's concern for the poor?