

much of a blessing can I be to others with the riches God has entrusted to me? What have I given up so that I can support the work of the church, missions, or poorer Christians? Do I hoard? Am I now defrauding someone? Is there financial deception in my life?

How can I pray for others and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*There is no sin in merely being rich; where sin exists among the rich, it arises from the manner in which wealth is acquired, the spirit which it tends to engender in the heart, and the way in which it is used.*

J. A. Motyer

*To aspire to anything without thinking to please God is a sin of which we need to repent. It is a sin for which we need to ask God's forgiveness.*

James Montgomery Boice

*Ask yourselves often how you shall wish at death and judgment your estates had been spent, ad use them accordingly now. Why should not a man of reason do that which he knows beforehand he will vehemently wish that he had done.*

Richard Baxter

*The thirst for wealth is insatiable because it is a false god, and false gods cannot satisfy our desire for meaning or significance.*

*Acquiring wealth to cure the problem of meaninglessness is like drinking coffee to solve the problem of exhaustion. It can mask the problem, but it cannot cure it.*

Daniel M. Doriani

*Nothing more clearly reveals the state of a person's heart than his view of money and material possessions.*

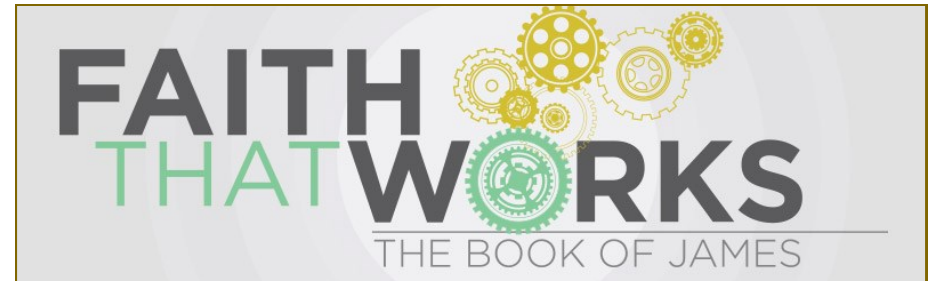
John MacArthur

*God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving. God gives us more money than we need so that we can give generously.*

Randy Alcorn

*As those who live in these "last days," we, too, should recognize in the grace of God already displayed and the judgment of God yet to come a powerful stimulus to share, not hoard, our wealth.*

Douglas Moo



#22 Don't Waste Your Wealth (5:1-6)

Sermon  
Notes

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1. Useless Hoarding

2. Unjust Practices

3. Unrestrained Self-indulgence

4. Unconcern for the Innocent

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
  
2. How does *James 5:1-6* fit in with what was written in chapter 4?
  
3. Most Americans are rich by worldly standards. How can we know when we're guilty of living in luxury?
  
4. How can we know when we cross the line from prudent savings for the future versus ungodly hoarding?
  
5. Is it wrong for a Christian to own nice things or to buy non-necessary items in the face of so many needs in the world? Explain.
  
6. In *James 5:1-6*, what characteristics of the wealthy was James condemning?
  
7. Why does James command the rich to *weep and howl* (*James 5:1*)?
  
8. Read *Luke 12:13-21*. What is Jesus illustrating in this parable? What was the primary sin of the rich man? In what ways was his thinking in error? What is Jesus' warning to him?

9. How does the corrosion of their wealth stand as evidence against the wicked (*James 5:3*)?
  
10. According to these verses, how should we as Christians use our riches?
 

<i>Galatians 2:10</i> —	<i>1 Timothy 6:17</i> —
<i>1 Timothy 5:8</i> —	<i>1 Timothy 6:18</i> —
<i>1 Timothy 6:8</i> —	
  
11. The Bible has much to say about our finances. What do the following verses teach us?
 

<i>Deuteronomy 24:14-15</i> —	<i>Luke 6:24-25</i> —
<i>Matthew 6:19-21</i> —	<i>Luke 12:15-21</i> —
<i>Matthew 19:23-26</i> —	<i>Luke 16:13</i> —
<i>Matthew 25:24-30</i> —	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i> —

**Reflection Questions:** Is my security based on my finances or on my God? How can I use my financial resources for God's glory? How