

SERVING TWO MASTERS



Warning Against Self-Indulgence

James 5:1-6 (ESV)

¹ 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.

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I. THE PERSPECTIVE: (vs.1-3)

- A. The Pursuit of Wealth is easily a source for Misery:
- B. The Problem with Wealth is it is easily damaged:
("rotted, moth-eaten, corroded)
- C. The Plan for Wealth: "lay it up for treasure or
advance God's Kingdom" (vs.3)

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- 3 Uses for Wealth for the Christian:
- Advance God's Kingdom: **I Cor 16:2-3; Mark 12:42-44.**
- Win the Lost: **Luke 16:9**
- Care for those in need: **I John 3:16-18**

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James 5:4-6 (ESV)

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.

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II. THE DEVASTATION: (vs.4-6)

- The Laborers were exploited: (4) **“laborers and harvesters”**
- The Deception of Improperly understanding your wealth: (5)
- The Damage to People, sometimes God’s people: (6)