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James 5:1-6

USING WEALTH WISELY

I. INTRODUCTION:

“People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For **the love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil. I Timothy 6:9-10

God is not opposed to wealth. Many of the greatest believers in the Bible were wealthy. But God **is** opposed to the misuse and abuse of wealth. James deals with the four key aspects of wealth.

II. THE WRONG USES OF WEALTH -- AVOID THESE!

ISSUE #1 -- THE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____
"You have hoarded wealth in the last days..." (vs. 3)

Results:

"Your wealth has rotted ... moths have eaten your clothes, ... your gold and silver are corroded ..." (vs 2-3)

Whatever I accumulate will _____

ISSUE #2 -- THE APPROPRIATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____
"The wages you have failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you." (vs. 4)

ISSUE #3 -- THE ALLOCATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____
"You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence." (vs. 5)

ISSUE #4 -- THE APPLICATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____
"You have condemned and ruined innocent men, and they are powerless to stop you." (vs.6 PH)

III. THE RIGHT APPLICATION OF WEALTH:

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

Parable of the Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-9)

IV. Conclusion And Application: