

James 5:1-6

True Faith Works on Our Greed

To help the listener engage the teaching in a different way and to break from monotony, certain sermons do not contain an outline with blanks. Please feel free to take notes as you listen, here.

Additional Notes:

- 1. Compare and contrast James 4:9 with James 5:1. What do you notice?
- 2. How are we tempted to believe that money can solve our problems?
- 3. Some might argue that James is criticizing the rich for having money. But who is James actually criticizing in this passage? (Compare Proverbs 30:8-9 & Proverbs 10:22; 1 Timothy 6:10).
- 4. What else does the Bible say about greed? How does this enrich your understanding and application of this passage?
- 5. What sins of the rich does James address in this chapter? Consider how these might become a snare in our lives- in actuality or in our hearts.
- 6. What is the difference between saving and hoarding?
- 7. Can you think of a rich person who inspires you with the way they gained and used their wealth? How can you imitate their example? The story of R.G. LeTourneau may be interesting to consider. He was an inventor of earthmoving equipment but also a strong Christian who saw himself as "God's businessman.")
- 8. If God has blessed you to hold a position of prominence, how does this message challenge you?
- 9. Consider your pursuit of vacation and /or rest. What is a biblical view of rest (or Sabbath) versus a sinful pursuit of luxury and pleasure? Which end of the spectrum do you tend to lean towards?
- 10. What is one application from this sermon?