

Hebrews 13:5b "... And be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you. never will I forsake you."

3. Don't be stingy with God's resources.

Proverbs 28:22 "A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him."

4. Don't be greedy.

Luke 12:15 "Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

5. Don't ignore the needs of the poor.

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay Him for His deed."

6. Don't take what isn't yours.

Ephesians 4:28 "Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need."

What is Your Attitude Toward Money?

James 5:1-6

Lesson #11

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Proverbs 23:5 "Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle."

Matthew 6:22 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

James 5:1 "Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you."

2 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

I. They hoarded their wealth.

A. Their wealth rotted.

James 5:2 "Your wealth has rotted and moths have eaten your clothes."

B. Their wealth was ruined by moths.

C. Their wealth was covered with rust.

James 5:3 "Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days."

Proverbs 28:22 "A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him."

Matthew 6:20 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."

Proverbs 13:22a "A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children"

I Corinthians 12:14b "... After all, children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children."

James 5:3b "... Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days."

II. They withheld the wages of their employees.

James 5:4 “Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.”

Leviticus 19:13 “Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight.”

Deuteronomy 24:14 “Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or an alien living in one of your towns. ^[15] “Pay him his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and is counting on it. Otherwise, he may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.”

Proverbs 22:16 “He who oppresses the poor to increase His wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich – both come to poverty.”

III. They indulged in wasteful spending.

James 5:5 “You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.”

IV. They wreaked havoc and trouble in the life of the poor.

James 5:6 “You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.”

How should we view money?

A. The resources we possess are owned by God.

Psalm 89:11 “The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.”

Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”

B. We are to oversee the use of God’s resources.

Matthew 6:21 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

1. I will give to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 8:7 “But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

2. I will support my family.

1 Timothy 5:8 “If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

3. I will pay my debts.

Psalm 37:21 “The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.”

Romans 13:7 “Give everyone what you owe him; if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.”

4. I will help others.

Proverbs 11:25 “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

1 John 3:17 “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has not pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”

1 John 3:18 “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.”

C. We should oppose wrong attitudes and behaviors resources.

1. Don’t love money and things.

Hebrews 13:5a “Keep your lives free from the love of money”

2. Don’t be discontent.