



LIVING FAITH

A STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF JAMES



James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 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.

James 5:1-6

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. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.









“BURDEN or BLESSING”

James 4:13 “Come now, you who say...”

James 5:1 “Come now, you rich...”

James 5:7 “Be patient, therefore, brothers...”

James 4:13-17

- We become prideful
- We fool ourselves
- We miss out

“WHO’S HOLDING YOUR PLAYBOOK?”

**“WHO’S HOLDING YOUR
CHECKBOOK?”**

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Luke 8:14

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

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2. CHEATING OTHER PEOPLE (5:4).
3. LIVE IN LUXURY AND SELF-INDULGENCE (5:5).
4. HURTING INNOCENT PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PROFIT (5:6).

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“God has not appointed gold for rust, nor garments for moths; but, on the contrary, he has designed them as aids and helps to human life.” – John Calvin

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2 Corinthians 9:5-7

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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**Do not withhold good from those
to whom it is due, when it is in
your power to do it.**

– Proverbs 3:27

Misery is coming because :

- **Our wealth won't last**
- **Our hearts will be corrupted**
- **We will be held accountable for the others' we hurt**

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SIMPLY PUT:

***Lord, you have blessed me
with this resource, how
would you have me use it.***

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