

James – Lesson 5 Workbook

Must Be The Money

Verses to Remember

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

James 5:1-11

1. In this letter that we've been studying for five weeks now, who is James talking to?

2. Who does he single out in this passage?

3. What is his tone toward them?

4. Do you consider yourself rich? *Why or why not?*

Here are some quick facts about teenagers in America:

- In 2006, teenagers spent an estimated \$159 billion
- The average teen spent an estimated \$104 per week
- The purchasing power of Americans is almost 2x's that of any other country

You may not think you are rich, but you are. Consider this:

- Half the world, 3 billion people, live on \$2 a day or less
- An estimated 30,000 children die every day because they are poor
- The richest 20% of people in the world (that includes us) consume 86% of the world's goods

You may not think you are rich, but you are. Let me say this plainly, James is talking to YOU. The good news is, the Bible doesn't leave us hanging. It tells us what we should do with our riches.

Put Money In Perspective

Matthew 6:24

1. What do you think the fascination is with money?

2. Why does it matter so much to us?

3. What does this verse say about our allegiance to wealth?

Don't Abuse Money

Luke 3:11-14

1. What abuse of money is John the Baptist talking about?

2. In what ways could someone like you abuse the money the same way?

Don't Depend on Money

Luke 9:1-3

1. Why do you think Jesus sent out his followers with no money?

2. Why is it easy to grow accustomed to depending on money?

Share

Acts 4:32-37

1. Do you find it hard to share? How often do you do it?

2. How can sharing possessions and money be a good thing for a group of people?

True Riches

James 5:7-11

1. Why would it have been important for both of the rich and the poor to hear this message?

2. How serious do you take that remark? How often do you think, "Wow, the Lord is coming."

Homework:

- Memorize James 5:1
- This week, take time to meditate on the Lord's return. Would you joyfully greet Him or would you be ashamed?