

THE BOOK OF
JAMES

Why James?

Testing Faith – James 1:1-4

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Judging Faith – James 4:10-12

Willing Faith – James 4:13-17

James 5:1-6

1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

James 5:1-6 - continued

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

Investing Faith

James 5:1-6

**Our Use Of Money
Is A Test Of The
Authenticity of Our
Faith**

Luke 16:10-13

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

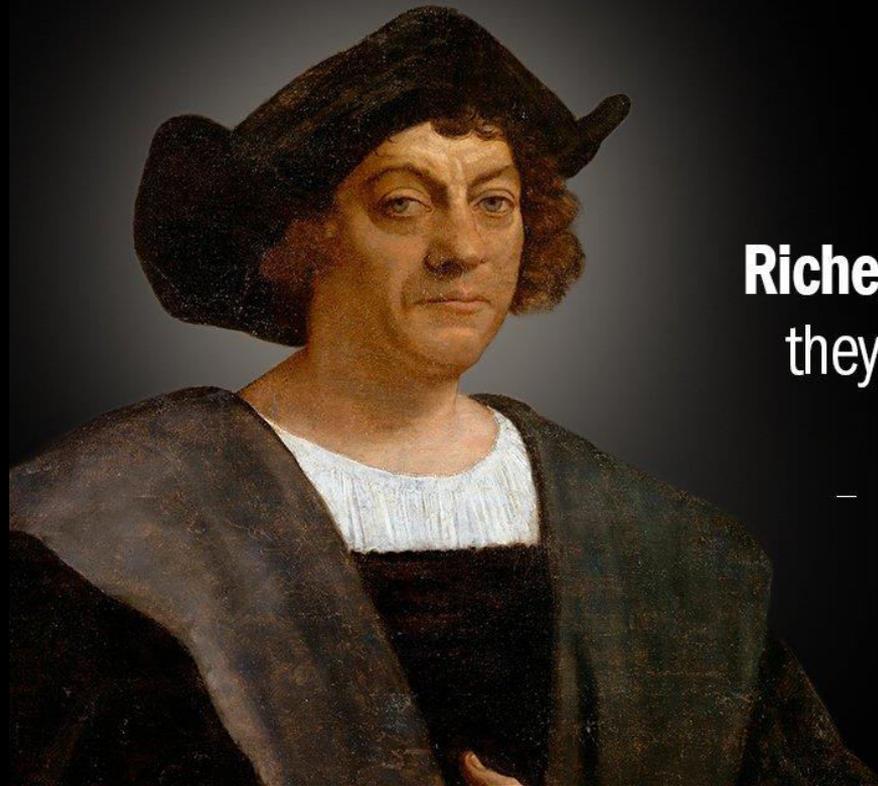
13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.



Consider....

“We have “In God We Trust” on our coins but “Me First” engraved on our hearts.” - Billy Graham

There is no single item in life that can distract us from trusting God more than money.



Riches don't make a man rich,
they only **make him busier.**

– *Christopher Columbus*

Consider....

Matthew 6:19-21

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**Do We Need A Heart
Transplant?**

Consider....

**"If money is an
obsession instead of a
possession, then
money has a hold on
you"**

Consider....

1 Timothy 6:6-10

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Wealth:

Real Faith From False

Faith

I. Circulating Wealth vs Hoarding Wealth

James 5:2-3

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3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

I. Circulating Wealth vs Hoarding Wealth

A. Riches – General Wealth

Measured in food that rots

Luke 12:15-20

B. Garments – Luxurious Wealth

Wealth that can be passed on



I. Circulating Wealth vs Hoarding Wealth

C. Gold and Silver – Monetary Wealth

Treasures to buy and sell and accumulate wealth

Cankered and rusted – to thoroughly corrode

Ecclesiastes 5:10

**He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver;
nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is
also vanity.**

**Do Not Stash Away
Wealth Without The
Regard For God's Will**

II. Acquiring Wealth vs Stealing Wealth

James 5:4

Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

A. The gluttony of the “hoarding” rich

B. Ways we could do the same

1. Drawing a paycheck without diligently doing your job

2. Obtaining wealth by stealing and manipulation

3. Stealing the tithe from God

II. Acquiring Wealth vs Stealing Wealth

Romans 14:18

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Hard work

Faithful stewardship

Trust in God

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

III. Investing Wealth vs Misusing Wealth

James 5:5

Ye have lived in pleasure **on the earth, and** been wanton; **ye** have nourished **your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.**

- A. To live a soft and luxurious life
- B. To help yourself to pleasure
- C. To fatten (as in livestock)

III. Investing Wealth vs Misusing Wealth



Louis XVI



III. Investing Wealth vs Misusing Wealth

**People Who Make Money Their God
Spend It On Themselves**

**Just Because Something Is *In* Your Possession
Does Not Mean It *Is* Your Possession**

III. Investing Wealth vs Misusing Wealth

God uses money to minister Jesus to others, while man uses money to elevate himself and retain all the glory for himself.

IV. Managing Wealth vs Maintaining Wealth

James 5:6

Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

Matthew 23:14

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation

Matthew 25:14-28

Where Is My Heart In This Area Of Life?

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 - continued

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

