

APPLICATION QUESTIONS
Applying this message to everyday life

1. What is a budget? Are you on a budget? What benefits would a budget have for you?
2. How do you determine what a good balance of spending, saving, and giving would be?
3. What could you specifically do to become a better steward of that which God has given you?
4. Spend time together praying as you ask for determination and guidance to life with greater accountability when it comes to personal wealth.

Marks of Maturity
#699 Living Accountably
James 5:1-6

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¹ Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 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. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Living Accountably

The Christian experiences a fundamental shift from _____ of wealth to _____ of wealth.

Wealth is the transferable power to _____ a desire.

James did not say it was a sin to be _____.

- A. The rich were holding back _____. (v.4)
- B. The rich were controlling the _____. (v.6)

The Wrong Uses of Wealth

1. They _____ it up.
2. They kept others from _____.
3. They lived in _____.

The Endgame of Misused Wealth

1. Riches will _____.
2. Misused riches erode _____.
3. Judgment is _____.

To break the corrupting power of wealth, all you have to do is be _____ with it.

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

A. What would you say is one of your absolute best uses of money?

B. What is your favorite local restaurant? Why?

C. What is the most amount of money that you have ever found?

2. Explain to the group the difference between being an owner and being a steward.

3. Fred gave a definition of wealth. Do you agree or disagree with his statement? Would you add anything to it?

4. Is money the root of all evil, or a root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10)? What is the difference in the two statements and why is this verse so often misquoted?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Prepare to discuss your answer to the following five questions.

Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

5. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does this verse communicate about the dangers of wealth?