

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**  
**James: Warnings to the Wicked Rich**  
**James 5:1-6**

**Scripture passage: Luke 16:19-31**

*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."*

Matthew 6:24

*<sup>6</sup> But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. <sup>7</sup> For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. <sup>8</sup> If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content."*

1 Timothy 6:6-8

*<sup>17</sup> Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."*

1 Timothy 6:17-19

*'The God who sovereignly bestows things for us to enjoy may sovereignly take them away so as to teach us to enjoy him and not to enjoy them. He gives us them in order that we might love him. He doesn't give us them in order that we might love them. And if we start to love them rather than love him, he may have to take them away so as to show us that ultimately our only joy is in him.'*

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1. They were condemned for \_\_\_\_\_ wealth.
2. They were condemned for \_\_\_\_\_ others.
3. They were condemned for \_\_\_\_\_ living for pleasure.
4. They were condemned for how they \_\_\_\_\_ others.

**Doing the Word:**

- Examine our hearts by evaluating what we treasure.
- Money promises more than it can deliver; recognize that wealth and money cannot save.
- We cannot take it with us, but we can send it ahead; we can play the long game by investing in what will last.
- Be sensitive to the needs around us and meet them as we are able.
- Repent and rest in Jesus.