



## LESSON 13 - JAMES 5:1-6 (STUDENT)

1. What changes did you make as a result of applying last week's lesson?
2. Read James 5:1-6. Summarize this section with one sentence.
3. Who is specifically addressed in this section and how does it differ from those addressed in the following sections?

1:2, 9, 19

2:1, 14

3:1

4:11

4. What are these people commanded to do? What is happening to them? How is this similar to the following passages?

Isaiah 10:1-4

Amos 4:1-3

5. Many people think that having money is the problem. Read the parable in Luke 12:13-34 and answer the following questions:

A. What was the root problem Jesus stated in verse 15?

B. What was the point of Jesus' story in verses 16-21?

C. What should be the response of the disciples according to verses 22-30?

D. What promise is made in verse 31, and how is it a comfort to you?

6. What three things cry out as witnesses against the rich in verses 3 and 4?

7. How does James' concern reflect God's concern for those who are taken advantage of?

Deuteronomy 24:14-15

Jeremiah 22:13

Malachi 3:5

8. What Judge has heard the testimony of the three witnesses? What does this name/title mean according to a Bible Dictionary (1 Samuel 15:46)? How will the judge act according to 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8?

9. What is the progression of greed in verses 3 through 6? How does greed begin and how does it end? How have you seen this progression manifested in your life when you really want something?

Verse:

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In my own life:

10. Describe a time when you wanted something so badly that you sinned to get it. Did this sin only affect you or did it affect others as well?

11. What word picture is given for the one who is indulging him or herself in luxurious living and wanton pleasure? What does Ecclesiastes 2:4-11 have to say about the activities and end of this lifestyle? Can you identify with any of these pursuits?

12. The word, *trephe*, means to "nourish, feed or fatten." While the wicked rich fatten themselves on luxurious living and wanton pleasure, how are the righteous to nourish themselves?

Matthew 4:4

1 Peter 2:2?

13. What is the climax of the greedy person's wickedness (v. 6)? How should the righteous man respond in light of Christ's teaching and example?

Matthew 5:39-42

14. All of us can testify that not all wealthy believers are acting wickedly. In fact Paul gives instruction to the rich in I Timothy 6:17-19. How are these righteous people to use the money that is on loan from God?

**APPLICATION:** The problem is not that we own material possessions, but that we love them. Evaluate your heart. Is there any material possession that you love so much that you are willing to sin to have it or use it? Is there anything that you "just can't live without?" Is there anything that you are scheming or conniving to own right now? If this is the case, confess it and turn from it. We often need to mortify our flesh so that we won't love something too much. Think about something you indulge in, and give that up for a certain number of days just to release its hold on you.

Think of a way you can exercise the command to be generous and ready to share (1 Timothy 6:18). Write it down here.