

“WHEN NET WORTH IS WORTHLESS”

Warnings of Worldly Wealth

James 5:1-6

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I. REBUKE. James 5:1

II. REASONS. James 5:2-6

- A. Hoarding. 5:2-3
Temptation: To accumulate more and more.
- B. Cheating (fraud). 5:4
Temptation: To be unfair and dishonest.
- C. Extravagance (indulgence). 5:5
Temptation: To be self-indulgent.
- D. Injustice (“murder”). 5:6
Temptation: To be unethical and immoral.

III. RESULTS. James 5:1-6

- A. Hoarded riches reap miserable dividends. 1-3a
- B. Riches provide no relief in eternity. 3b, 5b
- C. The unjust acts of the unsaved are not forgotten. 4b
- D. Lack of judgment today doesn’t mean lack of judgment tomorrow

WARNINGS FROM JAMES

- ✚ If we are not on guard, the more we get the more we want! We will become obsessed with accumulating things.
- ✚ If we are not on guard, we will be tempted to be unfair and dishonest in the process of accumulating wealth.
- ✚ If we are not on guard, we will be tempted to become self-indulgent.
- ✚ If we are not on guard, we may get caught up in unethical and, even, immoral behavior.

LESSONS FROM PAUL

- ✚ God’s concern is not with actual wealth, but with our attitude toward wealth. 1 Timothy 6:8-10
- ✚ God’s counsel is not against people who are wealthy, but against the wrong priorities of the wealthy. 1 Timothy 6:17-19