

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

The Power & Peril of Wealth – James 5:1-6

My Story

1. If you could give any advice to the world's richest person, what would you say?

Digging Deeper

2. At what level of wealth would one be considered "rich" and therefore need to listen to James' exhortations? Why does wealth seem to have such a corrupting influence in these verses?
3. Jesus also spoke about wealth. Read Matt. 6:19-21. Give some examples of earthly and heavenly treasures. How do people store each of these up?

4. Read and compare Phil. 4:11-13 & 1 Tim. 6:6-10. How does Paul's view of contentment compare with the modern world's view of contentment? What is God trying to teach us about contentment?

Reflection

5. How can we know if our standard of living is self-indulgent or not? Are you generous with the resources God has given you? In what areas would you like to grow in generosity?
6. Do you tend to feel more secure when you have more money? Less secure when you have less money? How can we center our hearts on God rather than wealth?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Take time to read Proverbs 30:8-9. Make this your prayer to the Lord this week and see how it changes your view of wealth and contentment.

Praises / Prayer Requests

