

FOOL'S Gold

James 5:1-6

1. The **RICHES** of this **WORLD** are **FLEETING** (vv.2-3; Proverbs 23:4-5, 27:24; Ecclesiastes 5:15; Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:20-21, 33-34; Matthew 6:33; 1 Peter 1:3-5)
2. Trusting in riches **TODAY** will lead to **MISERY TOMORROW**. (v.1; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Mark 4:19; Proverbs 11:4, 11:28, 15:27, 28:20; Luke 6:24, 18:22-26; Ecclesiastes 5:10, 13)
3. God is **JUST** and will not overlook **DISHONEST GAIN**. (vv.3,4; Exodus 3:7; Deuteronomy 25:15-16; Proverbs 6:16-19, 11:1, 12:22, 16:8, 21:6, 22:16; Psalm 62:10; Psalm 82; Habakkuk 2:9; Micah 6:8-10; Romans 13:8)
4. Self-indulgence leads to **SLOTHFUL**, **SLOPPY** living. (v.5; Proverbs 25:16; Hosea 4:11; Amos 6:4-7; Matthew 23:25; Romans 12:11, 13:14; Philippians 3:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:1-4; Galatians 5:16-17)
5. Those who cannot defend themselves should be **DEFENDED**, not **DEFRAUDED**. (v.6; Psalm 68:5, 82:3-4, 94:21; Proverbs 17:15, 31:8-9; Isaiah 1:17, 53:7; 1 John 3:17; 1 Timothy 5:8; Acts 20:35)



Taking it further to help you THRIVE...

THRIVE Groups are where life and growth take place. We don't want to just say "See *you next week*" as we leave each Sunday - we want to connect!

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What is something you have purchased or were given that you thought would be the greatest thing since sliced bread but ended up being...kind of disappointing?

3. If material wealth is fleeting and cannot be trusted, then why do so many people put their trust in it? What does 'putting trust in riches' look like?

4. Read Matthew 6:19-21. In what ways am I more obsessed with saving (maybe even pack-ratting) treasures on earth than investing in treasures in heaven? What does Jesus mean when He tells us to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven"?

5. How does self-indulgence lead to physical sloppiness and slothfulness? How does it lead to spiritual sloppiness and slothfulness?

6. How would you feel if wages that you fairly earned were withheld from you? In what ways do we 'withhold wages' from others / use others for personal gain?

7. In what ways can being poor and striving for wealth be as dangerous as being rich and trusting in wealth?