

“The Lie of Luxury”

James 5:1-6

Sunday, October 12, 2025

1. Comfort That Corrupts (1-3)

- A. (Mt 6:19–20) ¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” NKJV
- B. (1 Ti 6:9): “But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.” NKJV

2. Control That Cheats (4)

- A. (Pr 22:22–23) “Do not rob the poor because he is poor, nor oppress the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord will plead their cause, and plunder the soul of those who plunder them.” NKJV

3. Carelessness That Costs (5-6)

- A. (Lk 12:19–20) “And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’” NKJV
- B. (Mk 10:25) “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” NKJV
- C. (Ps 16:11) “In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” NKJV
- D. (Mt 6:24) “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” NKJV

Write-up

In “The Lie of Luxury” from James 5:1–6, we see how wealth can deceive us with false security—blinding us to our need for God, corrupting our character, and numbing us to eternity. James warns that riches without Christ cannot save, but he also reminds us that God hears the cries of the oppressed and offers a greater treasure in His Son. Discover where true security and lasting riches are found.

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This Sunday we’ll look at James 5:1–6 and uncover “The Lie of Luxury.” Discover how wealth can give false security, how God hears the cries of the oppressed, and where true treasure and lasting hope are found.