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Another Evidence of Christian Faith: How Do You Spend Your Wealth?

James 5:1-6

- 1) We are all either rich or poor
 - a) The rich (cf. Luke 6:24-25)
 - i) Know Jesus Christ as God & Savior; possess spiritual gifts to serve Him
 - ii) Know Christ as Lord & have money to spare each month
 - iii) Reject Christ as Lord yet have an abundance of wealth
 - b) The poor (cf. Luke 6:20)
 - i) Know Christ as Lord but have little to no material wealth
 - ii) Reject Christ as Lord and have no material wealth
- 2) God sternly rebukes the materially rich who refuse to share their wealth
 - a) They live lavishly and hoard profusely (5:2-3)
 - b) They cheat those they owe, withholding their wages (5:4)
 - c) They live solely for their own pleasures (5:5)
 - d) Using their wealth as power, they condemn those more righteous than themselves (5:6)
- 3) Observations & Questions
 - a) *Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death* (Pr. 11:4)
 - b) Does your wealth make you happy or bring you despair? Why?
 - c) Do you owe someone money? That money cries out to Yahweh Sabaoth today.
 - d) Are you ready for Christ's return today?
 - e) God is not neutral to our attitudes regarding wealth (1 Tim. 6:8-10)
 - f) What is your priority w/ wealth? Your pleasure or God's glory?