

James: Season3 - A Faith that Walks; Givers and Takers (chp5:1-9)

1. Our Heart Condition Proven by Use of Money

*Our love for God and whether we actually know Christ is proven by how we ____, misuse our money

**Matt6:19-21,24; Malachi1:8-14 – giving God our left-overs*

2. Takers vs. Givers “fakers vs. genuine” (vs.1-8)

A. Takers ____ and live for ____

1. They are ____ (vs.3) *store up, means to horde, your excess is used for self

**rich – having more than needs (food and covering, Matt6; 1Tim6:7-10)*

2. Takers don't really care about ____ – use people, a means to an end (vs.4)

**Lk16:13-15,19-21; Pharisees, false teachers marked by love of money*

3. They are pleasure/entertainment seekers, not soul winners (vs.3,5)

**last days (Christ's ascension to return) they seek pleasure/stuff not souls, God's glory*

B. Givers – Give and lay down their ____ for others and are ____ on Christ's return

1. They lay down their lives for ____, (vs.6) **Rev12:11; 1Jn3:14-18*

2. They are focused on Christ's ____ (vs.7-8)

**be patient/farmer – they have planted the seed of the gospel, wait for the harvest; Acts20:22-24*

**Lk16:9-10*

**be patient in trials and suffering, the Lord will make all things right when He returns!*

**Rev6:9-11; 2Cor5:9-11; Rom2:3,5-9; Rom14:10-12*

3. Examples from Grace... **Phil4:15-19*

3. The Warning and the Encouragement

A. The Warning – James speaks judgment is ____; “come now” - Listen! (vs.1-6)

1. weep and howl(vs.1) – weep, to loudly cry, wail and sob; howl – to shriek in pain and terror

2. your riches have rotted(vs.2) – you stand in judgment, they don't come to eternity to help you, but they are actually a witness against you for your doom (vs.3) **Lk12:15-21*

3. fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter(vs.5) **a fattened cow to be slaughtered; Is34:2-10*

**Sodom and current spirit of our culture: Ezk16:49,50 w/ Jude7; Rom1:28-31; 2Tim3:5*

B. The Encouragement – God ____ you brethren, in His love, mercy (see James5:7-9)

1. God will make all things right when He returns! He will reward you, as a farmer is rewarded when the harvest comes! **1Thess1:10; 1Thess2:19-20; 1Pe1:6-9*

2. The unknown is God's place to do His will, and our place to trust Him!!!