

Money and Justice - James 5:1-6

1. Reflect on James 5:2-3, where it talks about riches rotting and gold and silver corroding. How does this perspective change the way you view material wealth? How can you invest in treasures in heaven as Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:19-21?

2. Luke 21:1-4 tells the story of the widow's offering. How does this example challenge your own giving? In what ways can you ensure that your giving reflects a heart of obedience and gratitude rather than obligation or desire for recognition?

3. James 5:4 speaks against defrauding laborers. How can you apply this principle to your own work environment or interactions? How does Psalm 89:14, which states that righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne, influence your actions and decisions?

4. James 5:5 condemns living in luxury and self-indulgence at the expense of others. How can you live a life that reflects God's justice and care for the oppressed, as mentioned in Proverbs 15:3, which says the eyes of the Lord are everywhere?

5. Reflect on Matthew 6:19-21, which advises laying up treasures in heaven. How do your current financial priorities reflect your heart's focus? What changes can you make to align your financial decisions with a Kingdom perspective?

6. In James 5:4, the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. How can you be an advocate for those who are treated unjustly, knowing that God hears their cries? How does Proverbs 15:3 encourage you to take practical steps to support fair practices?

7. Hebrews 4:13 reminds us that nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. How does this knowledge affect your response to personal and societal injustices? How can you find peace and take action, knowing that God is ultimately just and sovereign?

