

Sermon Notes

James 5:1-12 (ESV)

When it comes to Wealth:

- 1) Don't hoard it greedily but steward it wisely.**

Ownership

- **I do not belong to the Lord**
- **Nothing I have belongs to the Lord**
- **I deserve all that I have**
- **I only answer to myself**

Stewardship

- **I belong to the Lord**
- **Everything belongs to the Lord**
- **All I have is a gift**
- **I am the Lord's Steward**

- 2) Don't handle it deceitfully but distribute it honestly.**

- 3) Don't spend it selfishly but share it generously.**

Don't Give to Get a Blessing, Give to Be a Blessing!

When it comes to Waiting:

- 1) Trust God's Process**

- 2) Honor God's People**

- 3) Embrace God's Promises**

Determine to turn your Wealth and your Waiting into Worship

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?**
- 2) Read James 5:1-6. Do you embrace the concept of Ownership or Stewardship when it comes to your wealth?**
- 3) How can we begin to recognize when we have moved beyond 'having things' to the place that our things begin to 'have us?' How can generous giving inoculate us from the 'disease' of materialism?**
- 4) Read James 5:7-11. How well do you wait? Are you prone to recognize God's process and purpose, while trusting His promises along the way? Do you typically honor people while you're waiting?**
- 5) Read James 5:12. Have you ever 'overpromised' and 'under-delivered?' Do you need to work on letting your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no?'**
- 6) What steps can you take to turn your wealth and your waiting into worship?**