



EMPOWERED

The Book of James

Legacy

James 5:1-6

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What is a legacy?

It's the **influence** and mark you leave in the lives of others, from the overflow of who you are inside.

An example of an unGodly legacy:

James 5:1-6 – Your **Loves** will be your legacy

Why a Godly legacy Matters:

- A God empowered legacy points people to God, Biblical Truth and God's purposes which have **eternal significance**.
- Our purpose is to **glorify God** as image bearers.
- It is God's **command** for us to **love** Him and other people.
- It **enriches** your life and **focuses** it on God's purposes
- It is God's **mission** for the church to go and make **disciples**
- It is part of **surrendering your heart** to God

What empowers a Godly legacy?

- **Faithfulness** in your commitment to God personally.
- Having a **Godly perspective** in your life and relationships.
- Loving people through **God's** love.
- God's **Spirit** guiding and empowering you.
- Spending time in **relationship** with God; investing in Biblical study, prayer and healthy spiritual community.

Redeeming your legacy...

No matter what your past has been, God can **redeem** your life and **empower** your life for His glory.

Our legacy is imperfect, but redeemed by Christ, empowered by God's Spirit, guided by God's purposes, can **honor God** and bring Him **glory**.

James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.