

James Chapter Five Series: **Wasted Wealth**

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Wasting Wealth

I. **Defining the American Dream**

Key Truth: Wasted wealth will condemn the rich.

II. **Warning to the Rich**

James 4:1-6

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Come Now, You Rich!

Point: This warning is for unbelieving and rich oppressors.

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Corroded Gold

Point: Wasted wealth serves to condemn the rich.

III. **Don't Waste Your Wealth**

Mid-Week Devotional (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

With the pandemic raging on, accumulating wealth may be too lofty of a goal for most of us. But in normal circumstances, seeking a comfortable lifestyle full of wealth and riches might have been a goal that we sought to achieve. Not that this is inherently a bad thing. Indeed, the Bible often tells us that wealth can be used for much good. Even so, we must ask ourselves: how dangerous can a great amount of wealth be when in our hands?

Whenever there is a great accumulation of wealth, there will always be a great temptation to abuse it...to remain apathetic towards the needs of others or to hoard our treasures, only to watch them waste away. This week, take time to pray about whether or not you are using your wealth wisely. Thank God that He has given you what He has. Resist the urge to be lazy and apathetic. And finally, take heed of the Lord's command to lay up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). In all of this, we will find incredible joy in Christ.