

# HOW TO VIEW RICHES

James 1:9–11

## Four introductory observations:

1. James uses word pictures, language and phrases that are similar to: \_\_\_\_\_
2. It is interesting, in such a short book (5 chapters), to find money mentioned: \_\_\_\_\_
3. James “sandwiches” the discussion of money in the middle of the section on: \_\_\_\_\_
4. James is writing to struggling Christians in a culture where money was considered \_\_\_\_\_

*Let Your Christian Faith . . .*

1. **Change Your View Toward:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Change Your View Toward:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application:

## For the Family

You have probably talked with your children about bragging. When people brag, they are trying to draw attention to themselves. They want other people to like them more. They want to think that they are better than other people.

Those are all selfish attitudes, and are not obedient to God's command to love other people.

Is there anything we should brag about?

### Read Jeremiah 9:23–24 (NCV)

*This is what the LORD says:*

*"The wise must not brag about their wisdom.*

*The strong must not brag about their strength.*

*The rich must not brag about their money.*

*But if someone wants to brag,*

*let him brag that he understands and knows me.*

*Let him brag that I am the Lord,*

*and that I am kind and fair,*

*and that I do things that are right on earth.*

*This kind of bragging pleases me," says the LORD.*

**Explain** that Jeremiah was a prophet of the Lord. When a prophet in the Old Testament said, "This is what the Lord says," he was speaking the very words of God himself. This is what God thinks of people who brag about themselves.

He says that we should not brag about how smart we are, how strong we are, or how rich we are.

He says that instead we should brag about knowing God.

We should brag that He is kind and fair and righteous.

Instead of bragging about ourselves, we can learn to brag about God. Talk together about all the things we could brag about God.

**Pray together** that you will not brag about yourself, but that you will brag about God. Tell him how much you love and appreciate who He is, and what He has done for you.