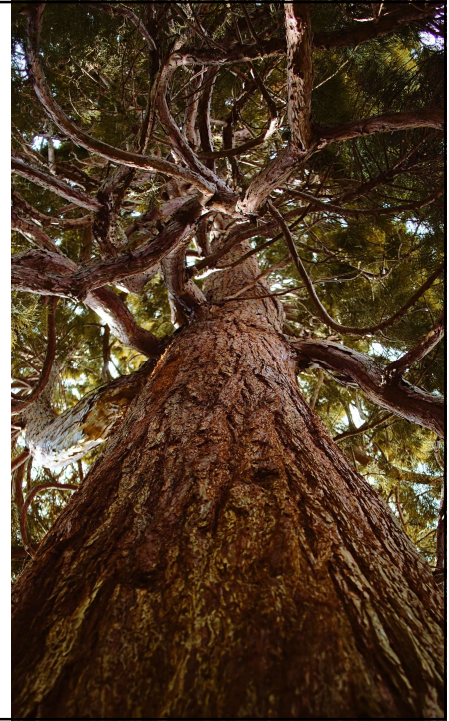


THE BOOK OF JAMES

James 5:1-6

Rooted Trust?



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Our Interaction With Financial Concerns Can Be One Of The Most Accurate Indicators Of Our Strength In Our Faith In God. Scripture Is Not Silent About Finances.



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James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.



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RADICAL REACTION**Call For Repentance**

- Godly perspective versus worldly perspective
- Realize there is a problem
- Turning away from wrong

Proverbs 11:28

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.



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1 Timothy 6:3–10

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.



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RADICAL REACTION

Call For Repentance

Root Of Problem

- Human fallen nature
- Temptation from within our own heart

James 1:13–15

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



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RADICAL REACTION

Call For Repentance

Root Of Problem

- Human fallen nature
- Temptation from within our own heart
- Discontentment with God

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."



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RADICAL REACTION

Call For Repentance

Root Of Problem

Rotten Fruit

- Temporary pleasures
- Permanent destruction



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Matthew 6:19–24

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”



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RADICAL SELFISHNESS

Wrongly Gained Wages

- Bettering yourself at the expenses of someone else
- God’s standard

Leviticus 19:13

“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.”



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Ephesians 6:5–9

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.



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RADICAL SELFISHNESS

Wrongly Gained Wages

Remembering The Attributes (Character) Of God

- God knows, sees, and hears
- God is in control



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RADICAL SELFISHNESS

Wrongly Gained Wages

Remembering The Attributes (Character) Of God

Character Being Built

- Endurance through suffering is possible
- Remember trials should increase our dependency on God



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RADICAL REALITY

Self-Indulgence

- Priority on the creation not the Creator
- Living without boundaries



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RADICAL REALITY

Self-Indulgence

Fattened Heart

- Replaced the desire for God with desire for the world
- Invested wrongly
- Lover of pleasure and not lover of God



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RADICAL REALITY

Self-Indulgence

Fattened Heart

Wrong Towards Others

- Judging others
- Character assignation
- Continual wrong



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Evaluate The Evidence:
Are You Rooted And Growing In Your Intimate
Relationship With God?
OR
Are You Rooted And Growing Away From Your
Relationship With God?



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