

# JAMES: PRACTICAL DAILY FAITH

## Part 10 - Be Full or Be a Fool

### A Study of James 5

**KEY THOUGHT:** We can foolishly spend life pursuing what will pass away, or live life to the full for the glory of God.

#### **I. Don't Live for What Will Pass Away** | *James 5:1-6*

- Being rich is not evil, but wealth has strong potential to become our focus.
- The pursuit and preservation of wealth can lead to extravagance, injustice, and mistreatment of others.
- James exposes the foolishness of trying to live life 'to the full' through possessions.

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#### **II. Be Patient and Establish Your Heart** | *James 5:7-11*

- Wait patiently for the Lord as the husbandman waits for precious fruit.
- Don't look to the world for wealth, your own way, or satisfaction.
- Submit to God, resist the Devil, draw near to God, live by faith, love others, and be a doer of the Word.
- Do not grudge or envy another's blessings; the Judge stands at the door.
- Follow the examples of the prophets and Job: suffer patiently and trust the Lord's tender mercy.

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#### **III. Live Honestly and Use What God Gives You** | *James 5:12-13*

- Let your yea be yea and your nay be nay - be a person of your word.
- Use every situation God takes you through: pray in affliction and praise when merry.
- Use the gifts and abilities God has given you for His glory.

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#### **IV. Believe in the Power of Prayer** | *James 5:14-18*

- Prayer works - the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- Do not regard iniquity in your heart; draw near to God and hear His Word.
- Live at peace with others, restore in meekness, and bear one another's burdens.
- Elijah was a man of like passions: if God could use him, God can use us.

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#### **V. Bear Fruit by Bearing One Another's Burdens** | *James 5:19-20*

- If we truly love our neighbor, we will live separated from the world, our own will, wants, and ways - and separated unto Christ.
- Making disciples means more than leading someone to Christ; it means continuing to lead them toward Christ.
- We cannot step briefly into messy lives, offer correction, and leave. We are called to bear one another's burdens.
- Our work of helping one another follow Christ continues as we grow together in grace.

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### THE CONCLUSION OF JAMES

**We have been instructed. We will be held accountable. We CAN and SHOULD live life to the fullest for the glory of God.**