

JAMES 5:1-6



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SERMON IN A SENTENCE

**BE CAREFUL THAT YOUR
ASSETS DON'T ACTUALLY
BECOME *LIABILITIES*.**

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Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” **14** Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” **15** Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” **16** And He told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. **17** He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

Luke 12:13-21

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. **19** And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” **20** “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ **21** “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. **11** Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. **12** Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, **13** and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, **14** then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. **16** He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. **17** You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today. **19** If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. **20** Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **12** This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Good News of Jesus, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. **14** And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. **15** Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

