

Lessons For The Church Lessons For You!

“PRO-VISION”

Reference: **James 5:1-6**

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James is speaking to believers about the trouble with money.

I. How They Got Their Wealth

- A. James never condemns these for having wealth. The Bible does not discourage acquiring wealth. The Bible speaks of judgment that will come to those that acquire it by unlawful and illegal means and purposes.
- B. Holding back wages. (vs. 4)
- C. After hording the money they indulged themselves in extravagant lifestyles. (vs.5)
- D. They were controlling the courts. (vs.6)

II. The Way They Used Their Wealth

- A. They were also misusing their wealth.
- B. **Verse 3** says they “*heaped up treasure.*” This means they were storing it up. (**Luke 12:16-21**)
- C. They kept others from benefiting from it.

III. What Their Wealth Will Do

- A. Riches will vanish. (vs. 2-3)
- B. Judgment is certain. (vs. 3-5)
- C. The loss of precious opportunity

CONCLUSION:

In **verse 3**, James speaks of “*the last days.*” This should remind us that we do not know how much time we have left in this life.

Ephesians 5:16 tells us that we are to be “*redeeming the time*”.

The Greek word for “*time*” implies a fixed, measured, allocated season. This likely refers to one’s lifetime.

We are to make the most of our time, our talents and yes even our money in fulfilling God’s purposes.

Think hard and long about how you spend!

- How you spend your money!
- How you spend your time!
- How you spend your talents!
- How you spend your reputation as a believer!