

What's the Big Deal about Stuff?

Scripture: James 5:1-6

I. The first misery promised to those who trust in their riches for strength is the riches will be our _____. Wealth misunderstood cannot help in the areas that really _____.

Luke 12:15-21 15 Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." 16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. 17 And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'" 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' 21 So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Luke 16:1-9 ...8 And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light. 9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

✓ Live in such a way that your dependence upon God's provision and protection is very _____.

II. The second misery promised to those who trust in their riches for strength is _____ we got wealthy will speak against us. If we withhold things from others that God calls us to _____, we will not be held _____.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 14 "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your towns. 15 You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his heart on it; so that he will not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

Isaiah 58:5-8 5 "Is it a fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it for bowing one's head like a reed And for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed? Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the LORD? 6 "Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke? 7 "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 "Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

✓ Use your resources to _____ the Kingdom and help others.

III. The third misery promised to those who trust in their riches for strength is they are fattened for the day of _____. Pleasure for pleasure's sake has a _____.

Luke 16:19 "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day... 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

✓ Take care that what you treasure has a purpose beyond your personal _____.

IV. The fourth misery promised to those who trust in their riches for strength is they find themselves opposed to the _____. Trusting riches, like all sin, will ultimately _____ us until we actually oppose righteousness.

Remember this - What we depend upon for our future must be worth our _____.

Our challenge: Carefully _____ what you trust in for your happiness in this life.

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