



What To Do When Your Worth Is Worthless

From The Series "What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do"

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SELECTED SCRIPTURES: James 5:1-6

All scriptures from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted

INTRODUCTION:

Examples from the Bible of the Love of Money:

Achan - Joshua 7

Delilah - Judges 16

Solomon - Deuteronomy 17:16-17

Judas - Matthew 26:14-16; 47-50

There is no Biblical indictment on wealth. In fact, there is irrefutable evidence to the contrary. Proverbs 10:22

I. The _____ Anguish of the Wicked Wealthy. James 5:1

Weep - "To sob aloud, to lament, to sob bitterly."

Howl - "Open and vocal sobbing, with howls of agony."

II. The _____ Judgement of the Wicked Wealthy. James 5:2-3

A. Your Riches Are _____.

B. Your Garments Are _____.

1) Jacob gave Joseph a coat of many colors. Genesis 37:3

2) Joseph gave Benjamin five changes of raiment. Genesis 45:22

3) Samson promised thirty changes of garments to the one who guessed his riddle. Judges 14:12

C. Your Gold And Silver Are Corroded.

Matthew 6:19-21

1) In the final analysis, the issue is not saving, but hoarding.

2) So the real issue is not how much of it we can hoard, but how much of it we can save so that we have some sense of security about the future.

3) Our real purpose is to be channels of the resources God gives us.

III. The _____ Future of the Wicked Wealthy. James 5:3b
Ecclesiastes 5:13

IV. The _____ Practices of the Wicked Wealthy. James 5:4
Leviticus 19:13
Deuteronomy 24:14-15

V. The _____ Lifestyle of the Wicked Wealthy. James 5:5

Examples:

Prodigal Son:

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. Luke 19:13

Rich Man:

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. Luke 16:19

What is that all about? It's about things. And whether we are rich or poor, we are all dead with this in our lives.

VI. The _____ Crimes of the Wicked Wealthy. James 5:6

Joshua Ben Sira -

“The bread of the needy is the life of the poor; whoever deprives them of it is a man of blood. To take away a neighbor's living is to murder him; to deprive him of an employee of his wages is to shed his blood.”

The “win-win” is to invest in the things of God and watch Him wonderfully supply all the things that you really need and many of the things that you would like. God loves to bless those who are generous!