

# JAMES

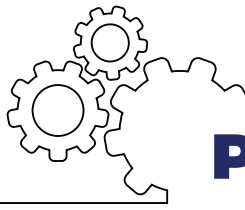
WORD TO THE WISE

## Message Study Guide



**PRAY READ EXPLORE: James 5:1-6**

**Message Notes:**



## PRAYREADEXPLORE

**1** Pray, then read and explore the passage. Any notable observations or questions?

**2** Again, James provides a warning to the rich. What is the main point of the strong words offered in **James 5:1-6**? What type of rich person and general occupation is being highlighted here?

**3** James gives a warning to the rich that echoes the warning Jesus gave in **Matthew 6:19-21**. What is going on in the early church that they would have needed this warning?

In what ways does earthly treasure keep us from being doers of the Word?

How is wealth an obstacle for followers of Jesus? How has it been an obstacle for you, regardless of whether you have much or little?

**4** **James 5:4** speaks to unpaid wages. What does **Leviticus 19:13** and **Deuteronomy 24:14-15** reveal about the just nature of God toward those who defraud their employees?

What encouragement or warning can be drawn from knowing who God is and how he feels about those who have been taken advantage of in work environments?

**5** What kind of judgement is coming for those who have misused their riches and wealth? Look at the language being borrowed from Jesus (**Matthew 6:19-20**; **Luke 12:21**) and from the Old Testament (**Isaiah 13:6**; **15:3**; **Hosea 7:14**; **Amos 8:3**).

How does pending judgement help us reset as followers of Jesus?

**6** Read **James 5:5-6**. What indictment is made against the people? Interact with the following questions: What is the day of slaughter (**Isaiah 30:25**; **Jeremiah 12:3**; **Revelation 19:17-21**)? Who is the "righteous person? What does "the righteous person does not resist you" mean (**Matthew 5:38-42**)? How are all of these questions related to the warnings aimed at the wealthy?