

A FAITH THAT HANDLES WEALTH WISELY

James: A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 26

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"Remember that when you know THE GOOD THING you ought to do but you don't do it, then you sin. So then, you who are rich . . . you have hoarded and piled up wealth in these last days. And the fair wages that you failed to pay your employees are now crying out against you and those cries have reached the ears of the Lord God Almighty! You've lived on earth, thinking only of yourself and your luxuries, indulging every whim and pleasure you have. But like a cow fattened to be killed, you've fattened yourselves and lived in ways that cause innocent people to be condemned to die. . . . Remember the Lord is coming back."

- James 4:17-5:8

HOW TO MAKE, SAVE & USE WEALTH WISELY**1. IN ACCUMULATING WEALTH, DON'T HOARD IT FOOLISHLY**

"You've hoarded and piled up wealth in these last days." - James 5:3b

"I'll just build bigger barns for myself! . . . God said, 'You fool! . . .'"

- Luke 12:18, 20

INSTEAD: _____ IT WISELY

"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." - Proverbs 21:20 (LB)

2. IN ACQUIRING WEALTH, DON'T MAKE IT DISHONESTY

"The fair wages that you have failed to pay your employees are now crying out against you and those cries have reached the ears of the Lord God Almighty!" - James 5:4

"Wealth you get by dishonesty will do you no good, but honesty will save your life." - Proverbs 10:2 (TEV)

INSTEAD: TREAT OTHERS _____**4 MARKS OF A TRULY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS**

Customers must benefit!

Owners must benefit!

Workers must benefit!

Society must benefit!

"Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows . . ." - Proverbs 13:11 (NLT)

"Any wealth you get from crime robs you of your life." - Proverbs 1:19 (CEV)

"Can a human rob God? 'Yes! You have robbed me!' says the Lord. But you ask, 'How? How are we robbing you?' You have robbed me of your tithe and offerings due to me. So you, and your whole nation, are under a curse for robbing me. You need to bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse, so that there may be food in My House. 'Test me in this,' says the Lord All-Powerful 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it! Then I will protect your crops from being devoured by pests, and I will prevent the fruit in your fields from shriveling before harvest!' Then everyone around you will call you blessed!" - Malachi 3:8-12

"Honor the Lord by giving him an offering of the first of all that your land produces. If you do, He will fill your barns with overflowing grain, and your barrels will overflow with the finest wine." - Proverbs 3:9-10

3. IN ALLOCATING WEALTH, DON'T _____ IT SELFISHLY

"You've lived on earth, thinking only of yourself and your luxuries, indulging every whim and pleasure you have. . . ." - James 5:5

"A pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life." - Proverbs 13:7 (The Message)

"You've fattened yourselves and lived in ways that has caused innocent people to be condemned to die." - James 5:6

INSTEAD: SHARE IT _____

"It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything." - Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)

"The generous person will prosper; and whoever refreshes others will himself be refreshed." - Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

"When the Lord blesses you with riches, you have nothing to regret." - Proverbs 10:22 (CEV)

明智理財的信心

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“記着，當你們知道自己應該行善卻不去做，就是犯罪了。因此，你們這些富有的人，...你們在未後的日子囤積財物並堆積財富。你們剋扣工人的工錢，正在大聲控告你們，呼喊之聲已傳入萬軍之上主的耳中！你們活在世上的時候，只顧着自己和奢華享受，放縱一切慾望和歡愉。但正如養肥待宰的牛一樣，你們養肥了自己，而你們的生活方式，令無辜的人受罪與死亡。...要記着，上主將再來。”

- 雅各書 4:17-5:8 (意譯)

如何明智地賺取、儲蓄和運用財富

1. 累積財富的時候，不要愚蠢地囤積

“你們在未後的日子囤積財物並堆積財富。” - 雅各書 5:3下 (意譯)

“『我要為自己蓋些更大的倉庫！』...上帝卻對他說：『你真愚蠢！...』”

- 路加福音 12:18, 20 (意譯)

卻要：明智地_____

“智慧人積蓄財富和珍寶，愚昧人卻揮霍無度。” - 箴言 21:20 (新普及譯本)

2. 賺取財富的時候，不要欺詐

“你們剋扣工人的工錢，正在大聲控告你們，呼喊之聲已傳入萬軍之上主的耳中！” - 雅各書 5:4 (意譯)

“欺詐得來的財富對你沒好處，但行事誠實能拯救你的生命”

- 箴言 10:2 (TEV 意譯)

卻要：_____待人

真正成功企業的四個指標

C (Customer)：客戶必須獲益！

O (Owner)：老闆必須獲益！

W (Workers)：工人必須獲益！

S (Society)：社會必須獲益！

“不勞而獲的財富，不會持久；勤勞所得的財富，日益增多。”

- 箴言 13:11 (NLT)

“你犯罪所得的一切財富，都會奪去你的生命。” - 箴言 1:19 (CEV 意譯)

“人會搶劫上帝嗎？上主說：「會！你們搶劫了我！」但你們問：「我們怎樣搶劫了你？」你們搶走我應得的什一奉獻和獻祭。因此，你們和整個國家都因搶劫我而受咒詛。你們要將什一奉獻全部送入倉庫，好讓我家有糧。全能的上主說：「試試我吧！看我會否打開天上的窗戶，將許多福分傾注下來，多得你們容納不下！然後，我就會保護你們的莊稼，免被害蟲吞滅，我也會防止你田間的果實，在收割之前就枯萎！」這樣，你身邊的人都會稱你有福！”

- 瑪拉基書3:8-12 (意譯)

“要藉着獻上你土地所產的第一部份尊崇上主。若你這樣做，他必使你的糧倉裝滿穀物，又使你的酒桶盛滿好酒。”

- 箴言 3:9-10 (意譯)

3. 分配財富的時候，不要自私地_____

“你們活在世上的時候，只顧着自己和奢華享受，放縱一切慾望和歡愉。”

- 雅各書 5:5 (意譯)

“浮華造作的人生是空虛的，但平淡樸素的人生是豐盛的。”

- 箴言 13:7 (信息本意譯)

“你們養肥了自己，而你們的生活方式，令無辜的人受罪與死亡。”

- 雅各書 5:6 (意譯)

卻要：_____分享

“慷慨施予而致富是可能的，但那吝嗇的人會失去一切。”

- 箴言 11:24 (NLT 意譯)

“為人慷慨的，必定富足；恩澤他人的，自己蒙恩。” - 箴言 11:25 (NIV 意譯)

“當上主賜你財富的時候，你無需感到抱歉。” - 箴言 10:22 (CEV 意譯)

1. 儲蓄 2. 公平 3. 浪費 4. 慷慨