

HOW TO BE WISE WITH YOUR WEALTH

James 5:1-6

God is not opposed to wealth. Many of the greatest believers in the Bible were wealthy. But God is opposed to the misuse and abuse of wealth. James deals with the four key aspects of wealth.

I. THE WRONG USES OF WEALTH -- AVOID THESE!

ISSUE #1 -- THE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____

"You have hoarded wealth in the last days..." (vs. 3)

Results:

"Your wealth has rotted ... moths have eaten your clothes, ... your gold and silver are corroded ..." (vs 2-3)

Whatever I accumulate will

ISSUE #2 -- THE APPROPRIATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____

"The wages you have failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you." (vs. 4)

ISSUE #3 -- THE ALLOCATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____

"You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence." (vs. 5)

ISSUE #4 -- THE APPLICATION OF WEALTH:

DON'T _____

"You have condemned and ruined innocent men, and they are

powerless to stop you." (vs.6 PH)

II. THE RIGHT USES OF WEALTH --PRACTICE THESE!

A. RIGHT ACCUMULATION: _____

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

- Keys to saving:

- Valid reasons for saving:

B. RIGHT APPROPRIATION: _____

"Wealth from gambling quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows."
Prov. 13:11 (LB)

"Hard work brings a profit; mere talk leads to poverty."

Prov. 14:23 How much money can I make?

Qualifications: As long as it does not hurt

C. RIGHT ALLOCATION: _____

"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to

poverty." Prov.21:5

The key: _____

D. RIGHT APPLICATION: _____

"It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes the generous man shall be rich. By watering others, he waters himself." Prov. 11:24-25 (LB)

"Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven ..."

Matt 6:20 How? -Luke 16:9

"On every Sunday, put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you to earn." 1 Cor. 16:2 (LB)