

“IT’S A TRAP!”
SERMON NOTES
James 5:1-6

~ What traps do we fall into?

~ The “who” of James 5:

Option #1 –

Option #2 –

1. Without an _____, _____ Perspective, Wealth Is a Trap.

Correlations back to ch. 4 – See v. 1 & v. 13

What do we see in the passage about the condemned’s perspective?

A. _____ Is Not in Their Purview

v. 5a – indulgent & luxury =

v. 5b – “fatted hearts... day of slaughter” =

B. The Idol of _____ Has Blinded Them

What does luxuriously mean?

What place does “comfort” have in your life?

C. Short-Term Gain Has Brought _____ Loss

Who is testifying against them? (vv. 4, 6)

See Deut 24:15; 1 Jn 3:17; Mk 8:34-38

What have you placed here & now above eternal things?

2. The Ungodly Use of Wealth _____ the Guilty and _____ the Innocent.

See 1 Tim 6:9-10

What is the real problem?

A. False Sense of Security

B. Steals Earned Wages

C. Deeply Hurts the Innocent

Prefacing Verses – 1 Cor 4:7; 15:10

3. Our Lord Calls Us to _____ with _____ Resources.

Questions to Answer from the Text...

A. Is it wrong to use our finances for comforts in this life?
(1 Tim 6:17 – What is the deeper issue?)

B. What does the Bible say about contentment?
(Phil 4:11-13 – Are you content?)

Treasure Principle – Randy Alcorn

“You can’t take it with you—but you can send it ahead.”

- ~ God owns everything. I am his financial manager.
- ~ My heart always goes where I put God’s money.
- ~ Heaven, not earth, is my home.
- ~ I should live not for the dot but for the line.
- ~ Giving is the only antidote to materialism.
- ~ God prospers us not to raise my standard of living but my standard of giving.

C. Do I trust God’s timetable for vengeance?

How is bitterness like a pot of stew?

v. 6 – the situation

v. 7 – the encouragement

Key Thought:

What did I take away today?

What will I do in response to this text??