

LIVING FAITH – The Book of JAMES Part 8

A Mature View of Material Wealth

KEY PASSAGES: James 1:9-11, 2:1-7, 5:1-6

3 Distorted Views James Challenges

1. Building an _____ based on wealth
2. _____ towards those _____ wealth
3. _____ of wealth for _____ purposes

Opening PREMISE: There's a _____ way to view / treat / handle money and an _____ way.

- * Jesus' Core Teaching: You're going to have to _____ your _____: God or money (Matt 6:24).
- * Foundational Principle: You will only experience _____ in the areas _____ to God, including & your especially finances (Job 22:21).
- * The Danger: If we build our _____ on what we _____, money begins to _____ God's _____; we look to money to give what _____ can provide.

3 Heart DANGERS & Kingdom SOLUTIONS

DANGER #1: The _____ of _____ overtakes your _____ of _____.

- * i.e. Money becomes your _____ (1 Tim 6:9-11).

SOLUTION #1: Put the _____ of _____ firmly _____ money (Matt 6:33).

DANGER #2: Your _____ is too closely _____ to the size of your _____.

- * i.e. Money becomes your _____.
- * The world is _____ to you: Bigger, better & more do not, cannot & will not take you where they _____.
- * Money makes a wonderful _____, but a terrible _____.

SOLUTION #2: Tie your _____ to the strength of your _____ with _____, rather than _____.

- * There's tremendous _____ to sacrifice what _____ in pursuit of a higher _____.

DANGER #3: Money starts to _____ of your _____.

- * i.e. Money becomes your _____ (2 Tim 3:1-2).
- * If that ' _____ ' takes root, you will increasingly _____ it, _____ for it, & ultimately _____ it.

SOLUTION #3: Make _____, not _____ it your joy (Prov 11:24-25, 2 Cor 9:6-11; Matt 6:21).

- * _____ and you _____ your heart.
- * Your heart will never be truly _____ where your treasure is _____.
- * Generosity turns possessions into _____ & wealth into _____.
- * Once your financial life is _____ (Job 22:21), then and only then will you have _____.