

## sermonnotes

### Putting Your Faith to Work – Part 8



Our money talks. In fact, it says volumes about what we think is important. How we deal with money is a reflection of our spiritual health.

Money is a wonderful tool, but a horrible master. Our goal should be to use the money tool wisely so that we might honor God as we manage His goods.

#### James 5:1–6

James is confronting those who are pursuing wealth at the \_\_\_\_\_ of others. They are self-consumed and driven by gaining more. Their wealth has blinded them to what really matters.

James 4:17 “Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it sins.”

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#### Faith and Money

Money is neutral. The Scripture does not say money is evil, but it is the love of money that is evil. 1 Timothy 6:10

1. How we \_\_\_\_\_ it. James 5:1,4,6
  - If we have obtained our wealth through means of exploitation, our “silver and gold” will testify against us. Proverbs 13:11

2. How we \_\_\_\_\_ it. James 5:1–3
  - Guarded wealth promises joy, but only brings misery. When we begin to love money, it ceases to bless us and begins to curse us. Luke 12:13–21
  - The Bible does not discourage saving or even investing, but it does condemn hoarding and greed. Colossians 3:5
3. How we \_\_\_\_\_ it. James 5:5
  - It is not what we have guarded, but what we give that makes us rich. Luke 6:38
  - God desires to flow His goods through our lives so that we might be \_\_\_\_\_ of blessing and effective ministers of the Gospel. 2 Corinthians 9:10–11

What we keep...we lose. What we invest in serving others and giving to God’s work, God blesses.

Answers: expense; commission; omission; get; guard; give; conduits



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