

What About Being Rich?

James 5:1-6

Introduction

There are few texts more disturbing than James 5.

- I. Wealth is never a worthy object of trust.
 - a. Wealth tempts people to put off the future.
 - b. James is not condemning being rich.
 - i. The Bible is full of negative examples:
 - ii. Prov. 11:4.
- II. The ungodly rich are in for some future shocks:
 - a. Hoarded wealth will testify against you.
 - i. Parable in Luke 12 (parable of the rich fool).
 - b. Justice cannot be bought.
 - i. In James' day, the rich were able to "legally" steal and cheat the poor out of their wages because of their influence in the courts.
 - ii. Jam. 2:6.
 - iii. Jam. 5:6.
 - iv. The prophets railed against this. Amos 5:12.
 - c. Rich fools face God's wrath.
 - i. The rich often live like these are not the last days, but they are.
 - ii. James 4:5.
- III. What do we do with this disturbing text? Sometimes God will show you the end of the road, so you won't be tempted to travel down it in the first place.
 - a. Practice justice.
 - b. Live with contentment.
 - i. 1 Tim. 6:6-8.
 - ii. Heb. 13:5.
 - c. Think about more than the here and now.
 - i. We all have an appointment with God.
 - ii. 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

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Sunday Bible Study (9:00)

Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

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OUR MISSION

*To seek and save the lost through
evangelism, benevolence, and edification.*

-Luke 19:10

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Worship Order – July 5, 2020

Welcome: Brandon Cometti

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Michael Nelson

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – “What About Being Rich?”

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Tom Moody

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Prayer Requests

o **Larry Williams** has been experiencing some difficult days with his health. Please continue to keep Larry and Leah in prayer.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal, Bill Linder, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall, Jerry Stanley, Larry Williams, Ray & Joanne Magness, Vickie Gove, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Audrey Davee

Life@CCR

- **With the cases of Coronavirus continuing to rise steadily, the Elders would like to remind everyone to use the hand sanitizing stations in the building (1-by nursery; 1-by library; 1- gym foyer; 1-foyer table). In addition, they would like to encourage mask wearing when interacting with one another. If we remain vigilant, maybe we can beat this thing!**
- The teens are invited to the Nelson’s house this Sunday, July 5th at 5 p.m. to watch the fourth installment of LCU’s **Virtual Encounter**. All high schoolers are invited to attend, and dinner will be provided.

Word Search – Matthew Chapter One

MORSETUBALFORTH S	ABIUD	GHOST
CREEPEVENEDHOES	ACHIM	HOLY
NORTHGREOWGGALE D	AMON	JESUS
MEREAZOOBUEPIES	ANGEL	JOSEPH
ECKTHROWSOVOLLEY	AZOR	LORD
AFTOHTUMRHEGLASS	BEGAT	MARY
DRITPLOBOPOANTEC	BEHOLD	MATTHEW
ERRWSSAMEPCLHIHO	BIRTH	MOTHER
VIELSJONDERLYIRK	BOOZ	PEOPLE
BEEAOMITMETILED B	BRING	PRIVILY
PEASMGRABSSDVERY	BROUGHT	RAISED
POEMRATSTEMIDIOS	CALLED	SLEEP
MPRIITZSUSHUATLN	CHILD	SPOKEN
HAVSHHO OISIONROY	DREAM	VIRGIN
WARESHCARBEALMET	ESROM	WIFE
SAWYGLEAAMAJADIO	FORTH	WOE

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....---/30
 Sunday AM/PM Worship.....131/---
 Weekly Contribution.....\$6,407

**Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings**

5 th	Tune into a.m. worship via 106.5 or Facebook Live!
6 th	Sharon Carbone’s b-day.
7 th	Thomas Beard’s b-day.
8 th	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m. Robert Leyva & Sabrina Nelson’s b-day.
9 th	Loyd Hughes’ b-day.
11 th	Braulio Santos’ b-day.

Pantry Items Needed: Our pantry is currently in great shape! Thanks so much for your continued donations!!

Thank You Note Received

Dear Church Family,
We would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and all the many gifts of food and furnishings for our home since our loss. May God bless you all. We love you. In Christ,
Pat Gentry

Pat and I wish to thank everyone who helped us. Words cannot express how we feel. We pray God blesses everyone. Thank you.
God bless you,
Sam Gentry

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Greg Nibert, Koko Blackwell, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez
Men on Duty: Robert Leyva, Larry Fitts, Kevin Fenter, Ron Doyle, Heath Woody, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer
Greeters: Phil & Susan Sexton, Wayne & Judy Fenter, Bill & Gale Wright

Life Group Bible Study

Text: James 5:1-6

1. What are your first thoughts when reading this passage?
2. Is James condemning being rich? Why or why not?
3. Does this passage only address those who live in abundance? Why or why not?
4. Why do we think wealth is such a worthy object of trust?
5. How can we practice justice from this text?
6. How can we learn to live with contentment?
7. How do we learn to think about the future instead of the here and now?