

Cell Notes

Heaven's Perspective on Earth's Riches

James Ch 5: v1-6

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This week the issue of God's perspective on the wealth we steward here on earth was examined.

James Ch 5 shows us that God wants us to avoid the trap of hoarding wealth selfishly as many of the Jewish Christians James was writing to were doing. He gave three keys to help us in this process:

1. Look at yourself
2. Look up ahead
3. Look up above

That is, we need to look at ourselves and what we own and realise it is all temporary and not to be worshipped. Secondly, we need to realise there is a day coming when Jesus will return and we will be held accountable for how we have used our money. Lastly, that even here and now, Jesus, 'the Lord of Hosts' sees our decisions and wants us to know this!

Use the following questions to aid discussion in groups of 3 or 4.

1. How do you think God would rate you this past week in terms of your heart attitude towards 'stuff' (wealth, riches, money) versus Him?
2. Why does 'stuff' exert such a powerful pull on our hearts?
3. What practical changes can you make in your life to grow in becoming more mature in how you handle your finances?

Break into pairs and pray for one another in light of what has been discussed.