



DIGGING DEEPER

James 4v13-5v6 – Faith and Money

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GETTING STARTED

Do you see money as more of a blessing or a curse?

Have you seen the warning of 1 Tim 6v10 become a reality in people lives?

1) OUR APPROACH TO PLANNING (4v13-17)

What's good about v13 and what's missing?

What does James say about 'the future' and about 'ourselves' (v14) that we need to grasp if we're going to have a godly approach to planning?

How do you involve God in your planning? What does v15 look like in practice?

How does v17 function as a summary of what James has been saying? What is the 'good' we are not doing??

2) OUR ATTITUDE TO MONEY (5v1-6)

What's the **miser**y James speaks about in v1-3?

What does James say about **hoarding**?

What's the difference between hoarding money and saving wisely?

What's the difference between enjoying God's good gifts and living a life of luxury and self-indulgence?

Do you think you've got the balance right?

What does James say about **defrauding**?

How does that apply to you?

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

Mt 6v19-21: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.