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Discipleship Training

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Book of James

James 5:1-4; *Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasures in the last days. Indeed, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out: and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.*

*He begins Ch.5 by warning wealthy non-Christians of

Their _____ end and the worthlessness of

their _____

*It should also be a clear warning that they shouldn't make riches the focus of their desires because, ultimately

_____ amount to _____.

*A second theme that James introduced is _____.

*James **did not** say it was a _____ to be _____.

*Riches are _____!

*Of itself, _____ is not _____

it is _____.

*It is good to have riches in your _____ provided

_____ ,

*There will be no opportunities for the rich to bribe the _____ or the _____.

*It is _____ to be “*poor in this world*”

(James 2:5) and yet _____ in the next world.

*It is also _____ to be “*rich in this world*”

(1 Tim. 6:17) and _____ in the next world.

*So, to wrap this up...James proclaims the

_____ of _____, not the worthlessness of the _____.

*_____ is not the problem; Christian Leaders need money to live and to support their families; missionaries need money to help them spread the Good News; Churches need money to do their work effectively!

*It is the _____ of money that leads to evil (*1 Tim.6:10*) and causes some people to **oppress others** in order to get more.

*This is a warning to all Christians who are tempted to adopt worldly standards rather than God's standards

(*Romans 12:1*), as well as an _____ to all those who are oppressed by the rich.