



Unmasking... MATERIALISM

James 5:1-6

"The Rich" = those _____ by _____.

"Then He said to them, 'Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.'" (Luke 12:15)

"But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (1 Tim. 6:9-10)

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

MATERIALISM IS . . .

1) ...when we put our hope in _____ more than _____.

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." (1 Tim. 6:17)

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." (Matt. 6:24)

"If riches increase, do not set your heart upon them." (Ps. 62:10b)

2) ...when we're concerned about _____ more than _____.

"He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf." (Prov. 11:28)

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matt. 6:33, see Mark 4:19)

MATERIALISM IS . . . (CONT.)

3) ...when we're more obsessed with _____ more than with _____.

"You have hoarded wealth in the last days." (James 5:3b, NIV)

"Instruct [those who are rich] to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed." (1 Tim. 6:18-19)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt. 6:19-21, see 2 Cor. 8-9, Acts 20:35)

4) ...when we care more about _____ than we do about _____.

James 2:15-16 James 5:4,6

5) ...when we focus more on _____ than _____.

James 1:9-11 James 5:1-3, 5

"...during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish." (Luke 16:25, NLT)

"And He told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:16-21, see Ezek 7:19, Rev. 3:17)

JAMES WARNS US . . .

- Don't _____ in _____. (James 1:9-11)
- Don't _____ to the _____. (James 2:1-7)
- Don't _____ the _____. (James 4:2, 5:1-6)