

**James 5 “Last Day Living”**  
**James 5:1-6**  
**November 3, 2024**

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Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

When do we have too much?

James 5:4

4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

Hoarding turns into defrauding.

Proverbs 11:24-25

24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

25 A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Giving leads to gaining.

Scarcity.

We are changed by the generosity of God.

1 Corinthians 3:19-23

19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” 20 and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” 21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours. 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

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2 Corinthians 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- What part of James 5:1-6 description of “worldly wealth” becomes an area of caution or challenge for you?
- How would you begin to evaluate if you have too much?
- How have you encountered the idea of “scarcity?” When have you felt the competition to have, to get ahead, or missing out?
- How have you experienced the act of generosity as a way to gain? What did you gain?
- How has the generosity of God changed your practice of giving and helping others?
- Read Proverbs 30:8-9. What is the wisdom principle being expressed?
- What is a way your life group could express generosity together?