

Discussion Questions

What is the relationship between your faith and business ethics?

What are some of the unique challenges a Christian faces in the marketplace?

How do our finances reflect our priorities?

Why do we have such a struggle with materialism?

Why do we as believers have a difficult time resisting the influence of the wealthy?

In one sentence, describe how a believer should view money.

The Guilty Rich Man

James 5:1-6

The Verdict (1)

James begins this chapter with a harsh judgment on the rich. He commands them to weep and howl because misery is coming. There may be dancing and joy now, but there are bad days ahead.

The Punishment (2-3)

All that they had accumulated was going to disappear. All of their stuff would soon be gone. Everything they had lived for would soon go up in smoke. Their days of hoarding were about to end.

The Evidence (4-6)

Not everyone who was rich would suffer this fate; this punishment was on those who had accumulated their wealth in a certain way. Those who had mistreated their workers; those who lived in luxury and self-indulgence; and those who took advantage of the honest man would be brought under judgment.