

James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

THRIVE:

Confronting the Danger of Consumerism

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Four Lies

- **The American dream is my divine right.**
- **It is acceptable to spend tomorrow's money to make this divine right my personal reality.**
- **If I can, I should.**
- **My money is my business.**



God Holds Us Publically Accountable for How We Handle Wealth

- “You’re under God’s judgment.”
- “You have hoarded your wealth.”
- “You have cheated your employees.”
- “You have indulged your greed.”



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How should the gospel shape our understanding
and uses of personal wealth? Generosity?

What role should community play as I wrestle
with my choices?

Am I willing to go there?



The Gospel Must Transform our Hearts and Choices . . .

- **Humility**
- **Generosity**
- **Contentment**
- **Diligence**

