

**James:  
Guide to Practical Spirituality  
Part 7  
The Challenge of Wealth,  
Waiting, and Suffering**

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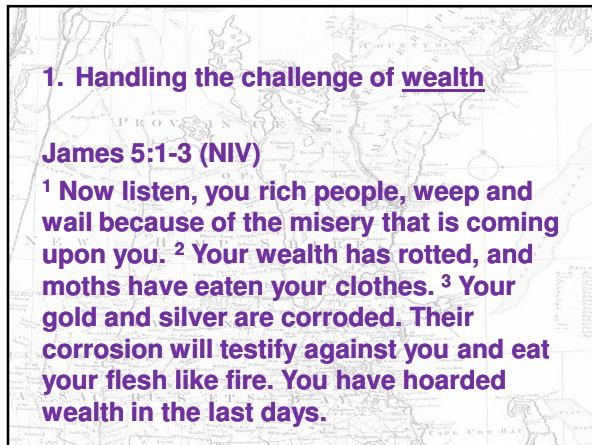
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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**  
**James 5:1-3 (NIV)**  
**<sup>1</sup> Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. <sup>3</sup> 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.**

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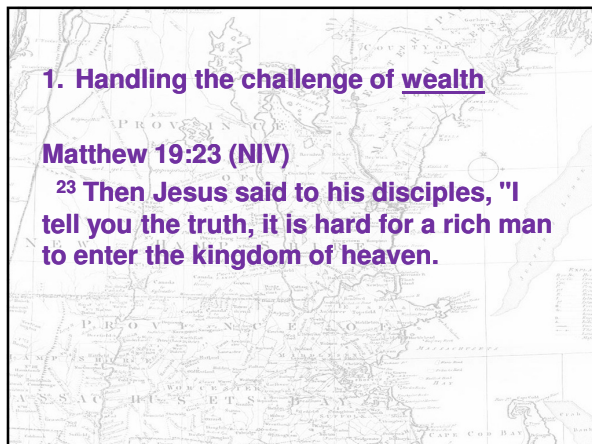
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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**  
**Matthew 19:23 (NIV)**  
**<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.**

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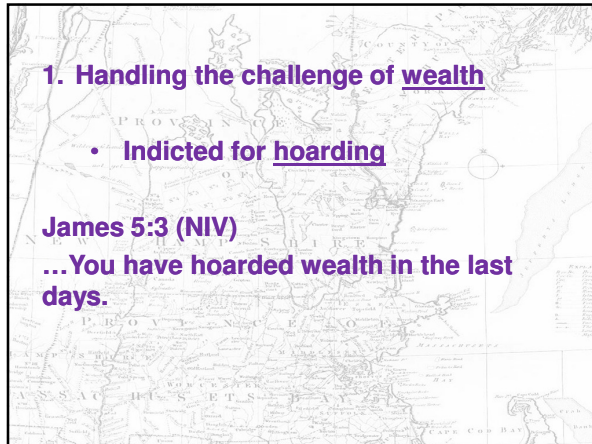
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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**

- Indicted for hoarding

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



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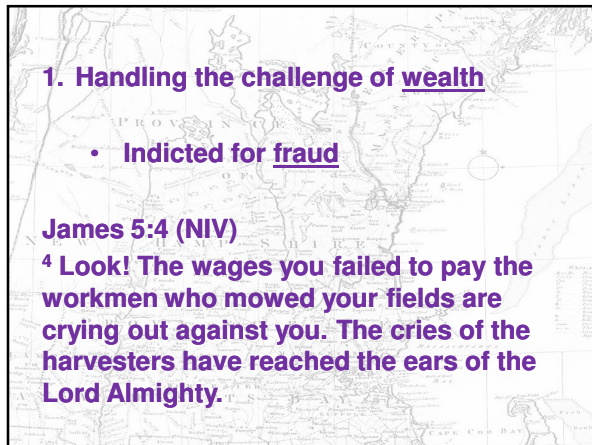
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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**

- Indicted for fraud

**James 5:4 (NIV)**  
**<sup>4</sup> 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.**



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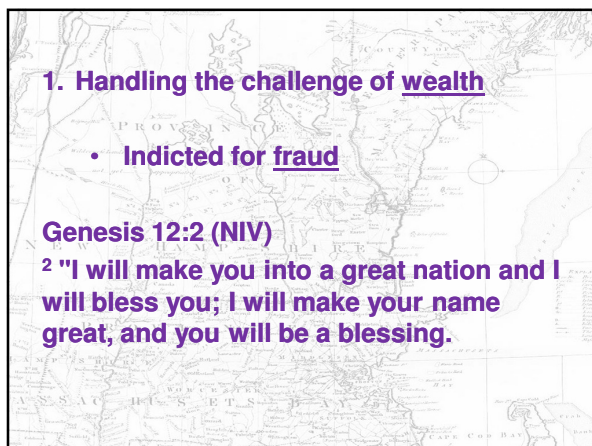
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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**

- Indicted for fraud

**Genesis 12:2 (NIV)**  
**<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.**



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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**

- Indicted for self-indulgence

**James 5:5 (NIV)**  
<sup>5</sup> You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

**James 5:5 (MSG)**  
<sup>5</sup> You've looted the earth and lived it up. But all you'll have to show for it is a fatter than usual corpse.

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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**

- Indicted for murder

**James 5:6 (NIV)**  
<sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

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**1. Handling the challenge of wealth**

**Matthew 6:24 (NIV)**  
<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

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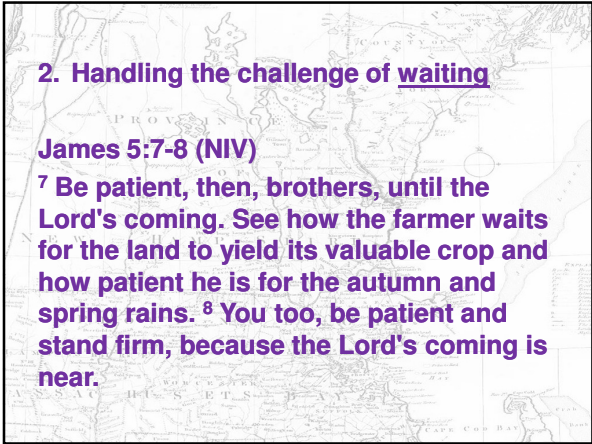
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**2. Handling the challenge of waiting**

**James 5:7-8 (NIV)**  
<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.




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**2. Handling the challenge of waiting**

**Galatians 5:22 (NIV)**  
<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,




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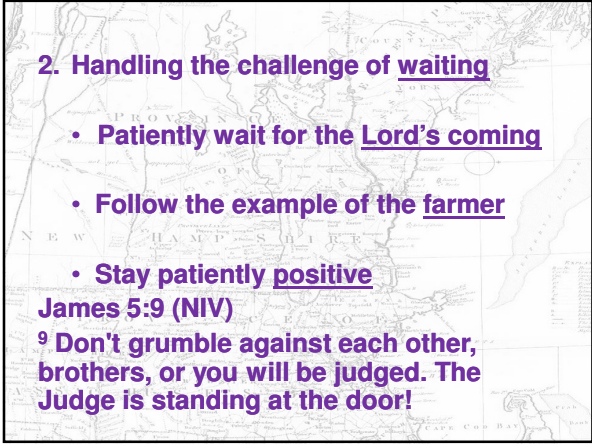
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**2. Handling the challenge of waiting**

- **Patiently wait for the Lord's coming**
- **Follow the example of the farmer**
- **Stay patiently positive**

**James 5:9 (NIV)**  
<sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!




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**3. Handling the challenge of suffering.**

**James 5:10-11 (NIV)**

**<sup>10</sup> Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

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**3. Handling the challenge of suffering.**

- **Follow the example of the prophets**
- **Follow the example of Job**
- **The call to straight talk**

**James 5:12 (NIV)**

**<sup>12</sup> Above all, my brothers, do not swear--not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned.**

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