

## A FAITH THAT HANDLES WEALTH WISELY

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't  
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*"Remember that when you know THE GOOD THING you ought to do but you don't do it, then you sin. So then, you who are rich . . . you have hoarded and piled up wealth in these last days. And the fair wages that you failed to pay your employees are now crying out against you and those cries have reached the ears of the Lord God Almighty! You've lived on earth, thinking only of yourself and your luxuries, indulging every whim and pleasure you have. But like a cow fattened to be killed, you've fattened yourselves and lived in ways that cause innocent people to be condemned to die . . . Remember the Lord is coming back." James 4:17-5:8*

### HOW TO MAKE, SAVE & USE WEALTH WISELY

#### 1. IN ACCUMULATING WEALTH, \_\_\_\_\_

*"You've hoarded and piled up wealth in these last days." James 5:3*

*"I'll just build bigger barns for myself! . . . God said, 'You fool!'" Luke 12:18, 20*

#### INSTEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

*"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)*

#### 2. IN ACQUIRING WEALTH, \_\_\_\_\_

*"The fair wages that you have failed to pay your employees are now crying out against you and those cries have reached the ears of the Lord God Almighty!" James 5:4*

*"Wealth you get by dishonesty will do you no good, but honesty will save your life." Proverbs 10:2 (GNT)*

#### INSTEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 MARKS OF A TRULY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ must benefit!

**O** \_\_\_\_\_ must benefit!

**W** \_\_\_\_\_ must benefit!

**S** \_\_\_\_\_ must benefit!

*"Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows." Proverbs 13:11 (NLT)*

*"Any wealth you get from crime robs you of your life." Proverbs 1:19 (CEV)*

*"Can a human rob God? 'Yes! You have robbed me!' says the Lord. But you ask, 'How? How are we robbing you?' You have robbed me of your tithe and offerings due to me. So you, and your whole nation, are under a curse for robbing me. You need to bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse, so that there may be food in My House. 'Test me in this,' says the Lord All-Powerful 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it! Then I will protect your crops from being devoured by pests, and I will prevent the fruit in your fields from shriveling before harvest!' Then everyone around you will call you blessed!" Malachi 3:8-12*

*"Honor the Lord by giving him an offering of the first of all that your land produces. If you do, He will fill your barns with overflowing grain, and your barrels will overflow with the finest wine." Proverbs 3:9-10*

#### 3. IN ALLOCATING WEALTH, \_\_\_\_\_

*"You've lived on earth, thinking only of yourself and your luxuries, indulging every whim and pleasure you have." James 5:5*

*"A pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life." Proverbs 13:7 (The Message)*

*"You've fattened yourselves and lived in ways that has caused innocent people to be condemned to die." James 5:6*

#### INSTEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

*"It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything." Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)*

*"The generous person will prosper; and whoever refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)*

*"When the Lord blesses you with riches, you have nothing to regret." Proverbs 10:22 (CEV)*

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