

**James 5:1-6 (11-03-24)**  
**CORE Questions**

*Read James 5:1-6, Matthew 6:19-21, and Luke 12:13-21*

1. Here in James chapter 5, we find a strong warning to the rich and a loving reminder to followers of Jesus to not be deceived and lead away by worldly riches. To be rich and be able to afford anything you want is every child's dream and often we carry it on into our adult lives. It's evident from this text that falling in love with money can lead to some pretty scary sin nature. I hope that as we study God's word we will realize that worldly riches never last and never truly satisfy. Have you ever wanted something so much in life and when you finally got whatever it is that you wanted, you realized that it did not satisfy you like you thought it would? If you have any specific examples . . . please take a moment and share with your group.
2. In Matthew chapter 6, we see a separate but similar warning to make sure that we don't "store up" treasures on earth, but instead to store up treasures in heaven. What does what we "store up" say about what we treasure and where our heart is?
3. Read Job 23:12. The word "treasured" in this verse literally means to "store up." Now read Psalm 119:11. Your Bible may say "stored up," or "treasured," or "hidden," but the Hebrew word here is the same in both Job and Psalms. It means "to treasure and store up!" Now this is a difficult question to ask and certainly a difficult one to wrestle with, but if our heart is where our treasure is, when it comes to things of the word or things of the world, where is your heart?
4. Read Luke 12:13-21. What are some of the dangers that this passage reveals to us about storing up and hoarding earthly treasures?
5. As we heard in the sermon this week, wealth in and of itself is not bad. Here at the end of this passage in Luke chapter 12, we see that wealth is only dangerous if we are not "rich toward God." What do you think it means to be rich toward God, and what are some ways that we can leverage all that He has given us for His purposes and His glory?

**Memory Scripture:** James 5:2

"Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten."

**Prayer Prompt:** *Father, teach us to treasure and store up Your word more than anything else in this world. Show us at Asbury Church how to leverage our resources to store up treasures in heaven! In Jesus Name . . . Amen and Amen!*