

# Manage Your Money

## James 5:1-3

As we know, the world lifts up the rich, but looks down upon the impoverished. For Christians, we who are humble should take pride in our high positions in Christ, and the rich should take pride in their humiliation in Christ.

James starts out by telling the people not to envy or show favoritism to the rich and don't harbor selfish ambition. He writes this to believers everywhere, some affluent and some not. On this Christian journey you may acquire wealth, but only if you implement biblical principles.

Our desire should be to leave this world a better place for our children and children's children. God has made us stewards over all creation and that includes our money. Whatever gift he has blessed you with, you should use it to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace. Use your earthly wealth to continue to build God's kingdom. Do not yearn for earthly riches, nor put them on a pedestal above God, for you will, in turn, neglect God.

Do not hoard your riches, for wealth rots, is moth eaten, and the gold and silver corrodes. Proverbs 11:26 says "People curse the one who hoards grain, but they pray God's blessings on the one who is willing to sell it." Don't fall in love with money. The love of money is the root of all evil. You cannot serve two masters, for you will love the one and hate the other.

Learn how to give and let the gift usher you into the presence of someone greater. Learn how to help other people. Refrain from chasing after the things of the world.

We should be watching and waiting with great expectation for the coming of the Lord. Stand firm and wait with patience. Use your good heart to be a blessing to someone. Submit your way unto the Lord and he will give you an assignment. He will refresh and restore you. Live in obedience and remember faith requires trust. Don't chase after the money.