

Wealth Without God
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James 5:1-6 1 Timothy 6:9-10

Because wealth can be a **dangerous trap**, we should be careful not to use it in an ungodly manner, but rather to be faithful.

- I. Wealth can be a dangerous trap that leads people to eternal destruction.
 - A. Money is extremely dangerous when it falls into the hands of those who are prone to sin.

Matthew 19:23-24

Matthew 19:25-26

B. To be rich without God is to be short-sighted in light of eternity.

James 5:1-3

C. To be rich without God provides **short-term** advantages, but **long-term** loss.

II. We should be careful not to use wealth in an ungodly manner.

Four ungodly uses of wealth:

A. We should be careful **not to hoard wealth**.

James 5:2-3

B. We should be careful **not to cheat people** out of money.

James 5:4 Leviticus 19:13

- C. We should be careful **not to live in self-indulgence.**

James 5:5

- D. We should be careful **not to hurt people** for the sake of our profit.

James 5:6

- III. Our responsibility is to be faithful to God in the realm of financial stewardship.

Luke 16:10

IV. Conclusion

- A. Wealth is a good tool, if we are careful to use it as stewards for the Lord.

- B. But it is a dangerous trap if we adopt a worldly perspective towards it.



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