

“MONEY TALKS”*

James 5:1-6

When people say “money talks”, they often mean money can buy influence or bribe indifference. But there is another way that money talks. According to James, money talks to God. What is your money saying to God about you?

I. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY _____ 1-3

II. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY _____ 4

III. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY _____ 5-6

**GOD WILL HOLD ME ACCOUNTABLE
FOR MY ACCOUNTS.**

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Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the Series, *James: Faith Works!* Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

1. Read Matthew 6:19-20 and compare it to James 5:1-3. How are these two passages similar and how are they different? Which one is from the perspective of hindsight?
2. What do you think is the difference between responsible savings and irresponsible hoarding? See Proverbs 21:20 and Luke 12:13-21. Are you saving or hoarding?
3. Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 24:14-15, and Malachi 3:6-12. What three ways can we rob others by misusing our wealth? Which of these address slow pay—or no pay—to creditors?
4. When believers fail to steward the wealth entrusted to them by God, they will experience regret for their spending decisions. What could that look like? See Mat. 25:14-30; Rom. 14:12.

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Who is Rich?

World Median Income **\$1500**

U.S. Median Income **\$43,000**

Top 50% **\$46,000**

Top 25 % **\$77,500**

Top 5% **\$167,000**

I. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY STUFF

A. Wailing of the Wealthy

B. Witness of the Wealth

- Decay
- Delay

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James 5:1-3

“There’s tremendous societal pressure to urge us to just spend, spend, spend and fill up every need we have right now.”

Olivia Mellan,
Psychologist

QUIT TODAY PAY CASH DON'T RETIRE

and most important

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II. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY SHARING

A. Those who Work for us

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James 5:4

“Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or an alien living in one of your towns. Pay his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and is counting on it. Otherwise he may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.”

Deuteronomy 24:14-15

II. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY SHARING

- A. Those who Work for us
- B. Those Without

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James 5:4

“If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart.”

Deuteronomy 15:7, 10

“The average household credit card debt in the United States as of June 30, 2002, was \$8419. In 1990, it was \$2966.”

II. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY SHARING

- A. Those who Work for us
- B. Those Without
- C. The One we Worship

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James 5:4

“Return to Me, and I will return to you,”
says the LORD Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me.

But you ask, ‘How do we rob You?’

“In tithes and offerings.”

Malachi 3:7-8

III. AN ACCOUNT FROM MY SPENDING

A. Expensive Living

B. At Expense of Lives

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James 5:5-6

- 1. LIVE FRUGALLY**
- 2. SAVE PURPOSELY**
- 3. GIVE GENEROUSLY**

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