

# PRESSURE POINTS

## A Study of the Book of James

### Part 10

## Watch Your Spending

James 5:1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and ruined innocent men, and they are powerless to stop you."

### THE WRONG USES OF WEALTH - Avoid these!

#### ISSUE #1. THE ACCUMULATION OF MONEY.

#### DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

v3b *This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment.*

v2-3 *"Your wealth has rotted, moths have eaten your clothes and your gold and silver are corroded."*

#### ISSUE #2 THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY - how we got it

#### DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

v4 *"The wages you have failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you."*

#### ISSUE #3 THE ALLOCATION OF MONEY - how we spend it.

#### DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

v5a *"You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence."*

v5b *"You have fattened yourself for the slaughter."*

#### ISSUE #4 THE APPLICATION OF MONEY - how we use its influence.

#### DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

v6 *"You have condemned and ruined innocent men, and they are powerless to stop you."*

### THE RIGHT USES OF MONEY - Practice these!

#### 1. THE RIGHT ACCUMULATION - \_\_\_\_\_ SOME OF IT.

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

*Philippians 4:19 "My God shall supply all your needs."*

#### 2. THE RIGHT APPROPRIATION - EARN IT \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 13:11 "Wealth from gambling quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows."*

*Galatians 6:7b ...what a man sows, that will he reap.*

*Proverbs 14:23a "Hard work brings a profit..."*

*Proverbs 12:27 (GN) "If you're lazy you'll never get what you're after. But if you work hard, you can get a fortune."*

*3 John 2 "Beloved I wish that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers."*

#### 3. THE RIGHT ALLOCATION - SPEND IT \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 21:5 "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as sure as haste leads to poverty."*

#### 4. THE RIGHT APPLICATION - GIVE IT \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 11:24-25 (LB) "It is possible to give away and become richer. It's also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes the generous man shall be rich. By watering others, he waters himself."*

*Matthew 6:20 "Store up for yourselves treasure in Heaven."*

*1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB) "On every Sunday, put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you to earn."*

*Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB) Bring this tithe before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary.*

*Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things shall be added unto you as well."*