



*Community Bible Church  
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A Warning

*James 5:1-6*

1 Are we more concerned with treasures on earth or in heaven?

3 Regardless of what we have, are we being faithful with it?

Application:

2 Are we using our wealth/power to manipulate others?



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*Go Deep Study Guide*

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Have you ever used your power or status for your advantage over others of lesser status? Explain

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### Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: [www.cbcventura.org](http://www.cbcventura.org)

### Going Deeper

Re-read James 5:1-6

How do you think our passage relates to the verses that precede it? That follow it?

This is a hard passage. When you encounter passages like this in Scripture, what is typically your response? Why?

Read James 5:1. What is the first command James gives to these rich people?

These rich landowners who mistreated others are told to “*weep and wail*” over their injustices. Are there injustices that cause you to cry out in anguish over the mistreatment you see? What can you do about these things?

Have you ever been mistreated as a worker? How did that make you feel? What action could you take to remedy the situation? Would an advocate have made it easier to seek justice?

Read Mark 10:43-45. Everything Jesus did was to model to His disciples and to us how we should live. Jesus came to serve, so that should be our mindset as well. How can you serve those who are in lesser positions or are under your leadership?

Do you spend more time focusing on your earthly riches or on the riches to come in heaven? Why?

What are the ways that we can better use our resources for God's kingdom instead of our own?

### Application

What aspect of our study convicts or challenges you the most? What will you do about it? Is there someone who can help you, encourage you, or hold you accountable? Talk to them!

### Prayer

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His Word and what you've learned.

What are some of the prayer needs of your group, your family, your friends?