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JAMES
Money Mismanagement

James 6 (ESV)

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

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5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

The Main Idea

The truth is that all you need in this life is Jesus.

The good news is that if you run to Him, He will not resist you!

Who is rich?
Who is poor?

Who is Rich/Poor?

- Heart issue – Drives thinking & actions
- God wants us to leverage His resources to glorify Him
- Satan/our sinful nature wants to use God's resources to glorify him/ourselves
  - Lust of the eyes
  - Lust of the flesh
  - Pride of life
- Love of money is the root of all evil

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- The "dash" of our life – Joby's rope
- Treasure on earth
  - Temporary
  - Short-sighted
  - Cause us to weep
- Treasure in heaven
  - Last Days
  - Eternal
  - Great Commission – Unreached people

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- Stealing
  - Holding back what is due to others
  - Taking advantage of others
  - Commodifying others
- Part of Satan's mission statement – Steal, kill & destroy
- Not trusting God to accomplish His plan for me – He's got our back

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- Living in luxury – Put Jesus on the cross
  - Self-indulgent
  - Self-centered life
- Bank account
  - Thermometer
  - Thermostat
- Give/Save/Live
- Humbly draw near to Jesus – He will not resist

Questions

Are you rich?

What does your bank account thermometer tell you about your money management?

What makes you weep when you analyze your money management?

How can you dial back the thermostat of your money management?

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