

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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These questions are for the **August 30, 2015 Sermon**, "The Weight of Wealth" Please read the sermon passage (James 5:1-6) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

NOTE THE DANGER OF . . .

1. **Hoarding wealth needlessly** (2-3)
 - A. You can trust the Lord for your future; do not trust your money for your future.
 - B. Don't lay up for yourselves treasure on earth. Focus on treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21).
 - C. Haggai 2:8 The natural resources all belong to God.
 - D. Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
2. **Pursuing wealth wrongfully** (4)
 - A. Check Leviticus 19 for rules for business owners.
 - B. "This world knows the price for everything, but the value of nothing." -Tozer
3. **Spending wealth self-indulgently** (5)
4. **Acquiring wealth inhumanely** (6)
 - A. The wealthy can corruptly manipulate the legal system. Work for justice.
 - B. The world can allow wrongful gain (abortion). Work for justice.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Everything on earth, including every person's personal wealth, belongs to the Lord. Do you manage your own personal funds as if God owns it? How does this truth factor in to your decisions to spend, tithe, plan and dream?
2. Based on #1, above: It is not wrong to have money; it is wrong to trust money as an idol. How can you guard against your own heart's tendency to trust and love money?
3. Based on #1, above: How is debt often the same thing as "hoarding"? (Because you must pay back in the future money which was usually spent on yourself in the past.)
4. Based on #2, above: Have you put to death the idea of getting wealth through lying, cutting corners and skirting laws? How has this worked out in your life?
5. Based on #4, above: Righteousness begins in the home. How can you and your home stand against evil streams of revenues such as abortion and porn?
6. Other quotes to consider:
 - Your treasure is where your heart is (Matthew 6:19-21)
 - "I wish you enough."
 - He who loves money will not be satisfied with money (Ecclesiastes 5:10)
 - "Trust the source. Not the resource." -Gary