

NOTES & QUOTES



FAITH IN OUR FINANCES
WEEK 9 - AUGUST 29, 2021

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Think of a time when you were blessed by the generosity of someone. How did that affect your life?
2. When it comes to finances, what are some of the ways that the culture sets your expectations and determine your lifestyle?
3. How do you think Christians should view wealth?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. James declares that misery awaits rich people. What crimes have they committed according to James 5:1-6? Is James condemning all rich people? Why or why not?
5. Are you ever tempted to hoard or to want more than you need at the neglect of others? (See James 5:5.)
6. Compare the descriptions of the rich in James with the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. How is this an encouragement to you?
7. Read James 5:7-11. James gives three examples of patient people: a farmer, the prophets and Job. How is each an example of patience? How does God use others to build patience in our lives?

8. How does Christ's return affect practical matters such as our use of wealth and emotional matters such as our response to suffering?
9. What is the difference between patience and perseverance? Which is more difficult for you?
10. James refers to Job in James 5:11. Describe Job's experience of perseverance (See Job 1:1-2:11, 29:1-30, 42:1-17). How is his example an encouragement for us?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

11. In what ways do you need to change your attitudes about money? How can you use your financial resources for God's glory?
12. In what areas of your life do you struggle with patience? In what areas of your life do you need to apply James 5:9?
13. Share about a time when you persevered in spite of difficult circumstances. What were the rewards of your perseverance?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Matthew 6:19-20