



5. _____

“Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No.” Otherwise you will be condemned.” -James 5:12

Application Question:

What do you simply need to follow through on?



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Concluding Characteristics
James 5:1-12

Context:

PEOPLE AND WEALTH	
Godly Poor	Immoral Poor
Godly Prosperous	Immoral Prosperous

Written to the _____ prosperous &
_____ followers of Jesus.

Why?

To _____ what authentic faith in Jesus
Christ looks like



1. _____

"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. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. -James 5:1-3

• **Money often brings** _____

"...because of the misery that is coming on you..."

• **Money never** _____

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

• **Money can blind us to our** _____

"...You have hoarded wealth in the last days..."

Application Question:

Am I making truly lasting investments?

2. _____

"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 murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. -James 5:4-6

Application Question:

Who is God inviting you to defend?

3. _____

Perseverance: endurance that anticipates a positive outcome

"⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." -James 5:7-8

Application Question:

What area is God challenging me to persevere and not compromise?

4. _____

"⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy." -James 5:9-11

Application Question:

What are you deciding to grumble about instead of how to act?