Lesson 27 James 5:1-6

Money Talks

*If money talks, what will it say to you at the Last Judgment?*

1. We read here (vs. 1-6) that misery awaits rich people. What crimes have they committed?

1 Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

2 Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten,

3 your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days.

4 Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

5 You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.\*

2. Is James condemning all rich people? Explain.

3. What do you think James meant when he said to "lay up treasures in heaven"?

4. What are some of the consequences of misusing riches?

5. Who will be the witnesses of judgment against the selfish rich?

6. To what does the expression "last days" refer?

7. What can the world expect at the end of the last days?

8. How have you used your personal resources such as money, influence, talent, or time for the benefit of others?

9. How might you seek God's wisdom to learn how you should use your resources?

10. What does the term "stewardship" mean?