

“HOW TO BE WISE WITH YOUR WEALTH”

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1. Manage it _____ wisely _____.

**People bought and sold fabric, bought gold and grew crops.
These three indicated if someone was rich.**

***James 5:1-3** – Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 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.”*

2. Earn it _____ Honestly _____.

***James 5:4** – 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.*

3. Share it _____.

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

a. The right _____ Storehouse _____.

***Matthew 6:19-21** – “Don’t store up treasure on earth where moth and vermin destroy and thieves break into steal, But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

***Luther** “I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I placed in God’s hands, that is what I still possess.*

***Matthew 13:44** – “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”*

b. The right _____.

***Luke 12:27-30** – Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.*

***Matthew 6:22-23** – “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”*

***1 Timothy 6:7-11** – For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs*

c. The right _____.

***Luke 12:20-21** – But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”*

***Luke 12:31** – Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

***Matthew 6:24** – “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (‘Mammon’).”*