

It's A Wonderful Life
Walk This Way Series - A study of the Book of James
James 5:1-6

Introduction - We must cautiously watch our attitudes and actions for our world is filled with injustice that denies **FREEDOM**.

I. Jesus and **RICHES**

- The concern: a wrong relationship with money - 1 Timothy 6:10 - How they got it and what they were doing with it
- Parable One - (Luke 16:19-31) How the Rich Man earned and spent his wealth
- Parable Two - (Luke 16:19:31) This man hoarded his money/ confidence was in himself - John 15:5
- Parable Three - (Luke 16:1-13) Taught the wise use of money
- We will be taken advantage of by this world - Psalm 37:35-36, 37:7 7, John 16:33

II. Looking back from the **FUTURE** - James 5:1-7a

- v. 1 - Jerusalem was destroyed in A.D. 70 - This was written in A.D. 60
- v. 2-3 - The vanity (emptiness) of riches; doesn't make people happier - Quote from J. Paul Getty "I'd give all my wealth for just one happy marriage"
- v. 4 - Hoarding and dishonesty
- v. 5 - Ignorant of ensuing judgement

- v. 6 - Manipulation of business, government and information, for now our response is faithful quietness
- v. 7a - The Lord's coming will dismiss present inequities

My response 1. Don't keep score

2. Look for people to bless

3. Be grateful in trusting God

Conclusion - Proverbs 30:8 - May we be **THANKFUL** we are neither rich or poor!