

“James #14”

James 5:1 - 8 (Warnings to the Rich and patience)

Review: James 4:13 - 14 (NKJV)

Proverbs 27:1 - 2 (NKJV)

*“Do not **boast** about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”*

1st Corinthians 5:6 (ESV) *“Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?”*

- James 4:15 – 16 (NKJV) Read

V15... “Instead you ought to say, if the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

Luke 12:39 – 40 (ESV) *“But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”*

- James 4:17 (NKJV) Read

(NLT) *“Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”*

➤ **This is a brief summary of James’ letter up to this point...**

➤ That faith without works is dead, a faith that does not produce works is dead.

Martin Luther:

*“It is impossible for (faith) not to be doing good works incessantly. **It does not ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has already done them.**”*

- **True Faith...** Loves God with all your heart, mind and spirit...
- Loves your neighbor as yourself... Believes and trust God in all things...

Luke 12:47 – 48 (NLT) *“And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn’t prepared or doesn’t carry out those instructions, will be severely punished. But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”*

Text: James 5:1 – 6 (ESV) Read

- Though it is not a sin to have money, money can easily become a god to us!
- Money and wealth are fleeting.
- The riches and the glories of this world are passing away.

1 Timothy 6:9 – 10 (ESV) *“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.”*

- The desire and the seeking for riches has caused many to wonder away from God.

James 5: 5 – 6 (NASB1995)

“You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wonton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and put to death the righteous man; he does not resist you.

Text: James 5:7 – 8 (ESV) Read

- Be content with what God has given you... be patient!
- He has promised us that He would meet our every need.
- He knows what we have need of before we even ask...

Psalms 62:1 – 2, 5 – 8 (ESV) Read

Psalms 37:7 (ESV) *“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!”*