

How To Be Wise With Your Wealth

A Study on the Book of James

James 5:1-6, (Proverbs 21:20)

THE WRONG USES OF WEALTH

Four Errors To Avoid

❶ **DON'T HOARD IT FOR YOURSELF!**

(James 5:2-3)

❷ **DON'T STEAL IT FROM OTHERS!**

(James 5:4)

❸ **DON'T WASTE IT FOOLISHLY!**

(James 5:5)

❹ **DON'T ABUSE IT OVER OTHERS!**

(James 5:6)

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Four Wise Habits to Practice

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(Luke 6:38)

❷ **SAVE SOME OF IT QUICKLY! (10%)**

(Proverbs 6:6-11)

❸ **PROVIDE FOR FAMILY RESPONSIBLY! (80%)**

(1 Timothy 5:8)

❹ **SPEND SOME OF IT LASTLY!**

(Ecclesiastes 3:13-14)

REALife Application

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Key Questions:

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2. What's been your experience with using percentages in your financial planning?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:7. How do you envision this passage impacting your give/save/consume percentages over time?
4. Which challenge, faith or desires, hits home the most for you when it comes to priority-percentage giving? What other challenges do you face?
5. How has your approach to giving impacted your heart and life up to this point? What do you anticipate the impact will be as you include God in your financial plans and decisions going forward?

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