

JAMES

LIVING

FAITH

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“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”

James 4:17

***The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.***

Psalm 24:1

***'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,'
declares the Lord Almighty.***

Haggai 2:8

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***Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; as
destruction from the Almighty it will come!***

Isaiah 13:6

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Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:23

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul.

Matthew 16:26

Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Mark 4:18-19

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

Luke 16:11

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Luke 16:13

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

“Money often costs too much.”

-Ralph Waldo Emmerson

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REALLY

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

***“You never see a hearse
pulling a U-haul trailer.”***

**-Randy Alcorn,
‘The Treasure Principle’**

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You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets, lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin.

Deuteronomy 24:14

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***Be patient, then, brothers,
until the Lord's coming.***

James 5:7

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Jesus tells of a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was a poor man named Lazarus, who was at his gate covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:19-21

‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’

Luke 16:25

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***“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom:
She and her daughters were arrogant,
overfed and unconcerned; they did not
help the poor and needy.”***

Ezekiel 16:49

Lord, what's your will with *your* ~~my~~ money?

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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there our heart will be also.**

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WEALTH. *What God gives you to determine how you invest in eternity.*

- 1) I will...** give it away by sharing with others.
- 2) I will...** recognize and help the marginalized and oppressed.
- 3) I will...** look for ways to fill other people's lives more than my own.
- 4) I will...** be content with what I have.

