

PRACTICAL LESSONS TO LIVE BY
“How to be Wealthy and Wise”

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James 5:1-6

1. THE WRONG USE OF WEALTH: ***AVOID!***

A. The Wrong *Accumulation* of Wealth.

“The treasure you have accumulated”

“Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Your gold and silver have become worthless.” (vs. 2-3)

B. The Wrong *Appropriation* of Wealth.

“Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay.”

C. The Wrong *Allocation* of Wealth.

“You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire.”

D. The Wrong *Application* of Wealth.

“You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.”

“The children of this world are wiser than the children of light.” (Luke 16:8)

2. THE RIGHT USE OF WEALTH: ***Practice!***

A. The Right *Accumulation* of Wealth.

“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.” (Proverbs 21:20)

“Consider the ant how it stores up in the winter.” (Proverbs 30:24)

“My God shall supply all of my needs.” (Phil. 4:19)

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B. The Right *Appropriation* of Wealth.

“Wealth from gambling quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows.” (Proverbs 13:11)

“Hard work brings a profit; mere talk leads to poverty.” (Proverbs 14:23)

“A fortune can be made from cheating but there’s a curse that goes with it.” (Proverbs 21:20)

“It’s better to have a little, honestly earned, than a large income dishonestly gained.” (Proverbs 16:8 GN)

“Beloved I wish that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2)

C. The Right *Allocation* of Wealth.

“The plans of the diligent lead to profit as sure as haste leads to poverty.” (Proverbs 21:5)

D. The Right *Application* of Wealth.

“It is possible to give away and become richer. It’s also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes the generous man shall be rich. By watering others, he waters himself.” (Proverbs 11:24-25)