



ENRICHING OR RICH

JAMES 5

WHAT I DO HAVE

So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 3:5-7



MISUSE OF RICHES

JAMES 5:1-6

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1. Hope in Riches

2. Fraudulently Gained Riches

3. Hedonistic Spending (Spending on Pleasure)



1. HOPE IN RICHES

JAMES 5:1-3



AMOS 8:4-8

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Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. 18 So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. 19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." 20 Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. **But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank.** And Moses was angry with them. 21 So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

Exodus 16:17-21

1. HOPE IN RICHES

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

1. HOPE IN RICHES

Thus says the Lord, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the Lord.

6 “For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. 7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord And whose trust is the Lord. “For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit.

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1. HOPE IN RICHES

"Don't let your happiness depend on something that you may lose."

-C.S. Lewis



2. FRAUDULENT RICHES

JAMES 5:4

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“You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your towns. You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his heart on it; so that he may not cry against you to the Lord and it become sin in you”

Deuteronomy 24:14–15, NASB

2. FRAUDULENT RICHES

“God gave us wealth, not that we should be hoarders, but dispensers.”

-Joseph Exell, *The Biblical Illustrator* (1954), p. 430

“Feel for others - in your pocket”

- Charles Spurgeon

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3. HEDONISTIC EXPENDITURES

JAMES 5:5-6

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I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and striving after wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:14

3. HEDONISTIC EXPENDITURES

"It has been said that the best cure for hedonism is an attempt to practice it."

- **Greg Laurie**

3. HEDONISTIC EXPENDITURES

“We have ‘In God We Trust’ on our coins but ‘Me First’ engraved on our hearts.”

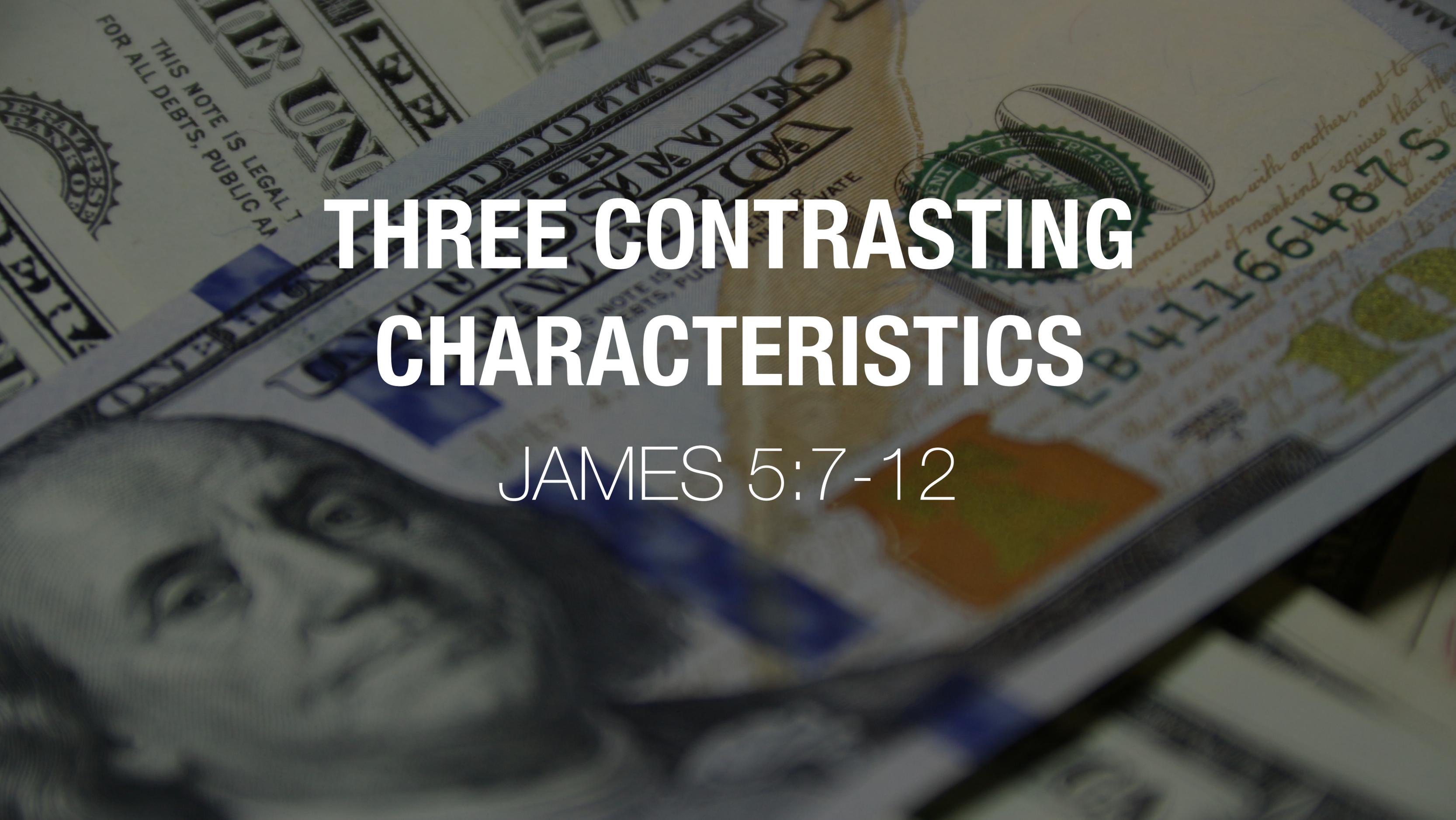
-Dr. Billy Graham

World Aflame (New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1965), p. 42

3. HEDONISTIC EXPENDITURES

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

-C.S. Lewis



THREE CONTRASTING CHARACTERISTICS

JAMES 5:7-12

MISUSE OF RICHES

1. Patience

2. Contentment

3. Honesty



1. PATIENCE

JAMES 5:7-8

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"The extreme greatness of Christianity lies in the fact that it does not seek a supernatural remedy for suffering, but a supernatural use for it."

- **Simone Weil**



2. CONTENTMENT

JAMES 5:9-11

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Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Philippians 2:14-15

2. CONTENTMENT

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 6:23

2. CONTENTMENT

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4

2. CONTENTMENT

Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.
21 And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." 22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Job 1:20-22

2. CONTENTMENT

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:11-13



3. HONESTY

JAMES 5:12

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“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Matthew 5:33-37

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MEETING NEEDS

JAMES 5:13-20

MISUSE OF RICHES

1. Suffering (vs. 13)

2. Sickness (vs. 14-15)

3. Sin (16-20)



1. SUFFERING

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Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

1. SUFFERING

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Romans 12:15-16



2. SICKNESS

JAMES 5:14-15



3. SIN

JAMES 5:16-20

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“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

3. SIN

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer* is overcome by some sin, you who are godly* should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. 2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. 3 If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Galatians 6:1-3 NLT



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