

The background is a dense, repeating pattern of butterflies. Most are black with bright orange patches on their wings. In the center, there is a single butterfly with vibrant blue wings, standing out from the rest. The text is centered over the image.

BECOMING
Vision Sunday 2022

Developing Character



Heart work



Hard work

Book of James

- One of the least theological in the New Testament
- Very direct and easy to understand
- James wanted to see us live differently

“Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says”

James 1:22

What is God saying to **me**?

How is the passage applicable to **my** current situation?

What am **I** suppose to do?

James 5:1-6

Now Listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

God's Perspective on Wealth

James 5:1-6

Who are “these rich people”?

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James 5:1

We are all rich in someways

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

Acts 3:6

Wealth and Eternity

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James 5:2-3

Jesus teaching about money

“Do not store up **for yourselves** treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will also... No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money.”

Matthew 6:19-24

How we accumulated and used our wealth?

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James 5:4-6

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