Being Wise With Your Wealth

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Whatever I accumulate will <u>DETERIORATE</u>

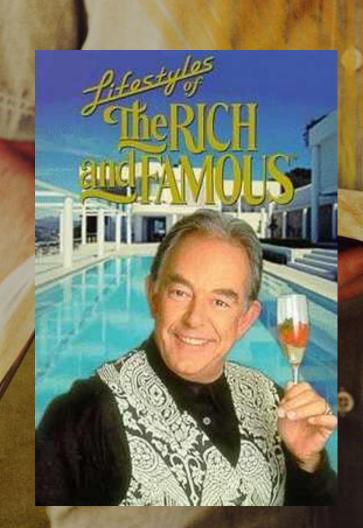
WRONG <u>APPROPRIATION</u> OF WEALTH: <u>STEALING</u>

"The <u>wages you have failed to pay</u> the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you."

James 5:4

WRONG <u>ALLOCATION</u> OF WEALTH: <u>SELFISHNESS</u>

"You have lived on earth in <u>luxury</u> and <u>self-indulgence</u>." - James 5:5



WRONG APPLICATION OF WEALTH: ABUSE

"You have <u>condemned</u> and murdered <u>the</u> <u>innocent</u> one, who was not opposing you."

- James 5:6

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"The wise man <u>saves</u> for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets."

- Proverbs 21:20 (Living Bible)

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• Learn <u>CONTENTMENT</u>

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•The Christian saves for <u>STEWARDSHIP</u>, not for <u>SECURITY</u>.

RIGHT APPROPRIATION: *HARD WORK*

"Wealth from gambling quickly disappears; wealth from <u>hard work</u> grows."

- Proverbs 13:11 (Living Bible)

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"<u>Hard work</u> brings a profit; mere talk leads to poverty."

- Proverbs 14:23

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How much money can I earn? UN-LIMITED

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The key: **BUDGET**

RIGHT APPLICATION: <u>GIVE GENEROUSLY</u>!

"One person <u>gives freely</u>, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A <u>generous person will prosper</u>; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

- Proverbs 11:24-25

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"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

- Matthew 6:20

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"On <u>every Sunday</u>, put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount <u>depends on how much</u> the Lord has helped you to earn." - I Corinthians 16:2 (Living Bible)

How? – Trust in God



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