Surviving Money Problems

Surviving the Challenges of Life

James 5:1-6

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

- Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

The Abuse of Money

- 1. God desires that money circulate (James 5:2-3).
 - Sin is hoarding it.
- 2. God desires that you earn money honestly (James 5:4).
 - Sin is stealing it.
- 3. God desires that you not waste money (James 5:5).
 - Sin is wasting it.
- 4. God desires that you use money not abuse it (James 5:6).
 - Sin is <u>abusing</u> it.

The Use of Money

1. Money is to be saved and <u>invested</u> (Prov. 21:20 TLB; 30:24 NKJV).

Keys to Saving and Investing are:

- Limited Living
- Contented Living
- 2. Money is to be worked for (Prov. 13:11 TLB; 14:23).
- 3. Money is to be <u>budgeted</u> (Prov. 21:5; 27:23 TLB).
- 4. Money is to be given (Prov. 11:24-25 TLB; Matt. 6:20).

