Time and Money

Ken Chapman · James 4:13–5:6

INTRODUCTION

- I have stolen. Not maybe in the traditional way that you think of robbery or thievery. But in the way that James talks about.
- Where God has asked us, demanded of us that we use the time and money and other resources that He has afforded us to share with others, and when we fail to do so, we're robbing our fellow man.
- This is not what a Christian ought to do when it comes to their time. The Christian should always consider God. And the Christians should never be stingy with their money.

1 If the Lord Wills: Life Is but a Vapor

James 4:13–17

- We recognize that he's not condemning making plans, not even making financial plans for the future.
- What he's condemning is making those plans, including financial plans for the future, without any thought of God and of judgment.
- Number one is it doesn't last long. Life lived at its longest, brief. But also it's very fragile.
- So make plans. Make big, bold plans for the future. But remember God.

2 You Can Steal in More Than One Way

James 5:1–6

- Those rich people had withheld wages from people who deserved it. And so scripture would have us to know that you can steal in more than one way.
- If you owe somebody something and you don't pay what you owe them, that's the same as taking a gun into the bank and saying, stick them up in the eyes of God.
- On the day of judgment, that corrosion of that wealth that just sat there unused will stand up and testify against you.
- They've crying out against you, and guess what? God hears the cries of the oppressed.
- Little do you know that you're just fattening yourself for the day of slaughter.

3 Don't Be Arrogant or Selfish: Don't Forget the Source

Psalm 10:4; Psalm 90:12

- Don't be arrogant or selfish with what God has given you. God's given you time. God's given you money.
- The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God. God is in none of his thoughts.
- Never forget that every minute you live and every dollar you get to spend or save comes from God. Don't forget their source.
- Lord, teach us to number our days. Teach us to number our days to recognize that they're limited.

- Whether it's time or whether it's money, I must consider the source, and I must recognize that it's limited.

4 The Blessed to Be a Blessing to Others

Matthew 25

- I better use what I've been blessed with to bless God and others.
- If my time and my money are from God, then I'm simply a steward of these things. And God is going to hold me responsible.
- The God who blesses us expects the blessed to be a blessing to others.
- Scripture also teaches me this, that God will harshly condemn those who mistreat others.
- Am I teaching my children to use what God has given you to glorify God?

5 Use What You Have to Prepare for Your Future

Luke 16:1–13

- Jesus is not saying, be dishonest, be crooked and shrewd in every way this person's being shrewd.
- No servant can serve two masters, for either he'll hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and riches.
- This unjust steward is an example, not because of the crooked things he did, but because he used what he had to prepare for his future.
- God's going to hold us accountable for how we use this world's goods. And we can prepare for eternity by using this stuff, like time and money.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you begun that walk? You see, serving God makes you a better person.**

MY NOTES