

The Dangers of Self Indulgence

Series: A Growing Faith – A Study of James

– James 5:1-6 –

1. The Context

(a) For whom was this passage written?

(b) To whom does it apply today?

2. The Correction

(a) Evaluate ourselves by _____, not by what we have

(b) Be content with _____, not what we desire

3. The Application

(a) Realize _____

(b) Commit _____

(c) Develop _____

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. How would you state in our own words the message James has for the rich in this passage? And how does this message fit with what James said about the rich in 1:10?
3. Most Americans are rich by worldly standards. How can we know when we've crossed the line between prudent savings for the future versus ungodly hoarding?
4. When have you struggled most financially? What's the difference between *enjoying* money and becoming a *lover* of money?
5. How does your life demonstrate that godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Tim. 6:6)?
6. If you were to evaluate your zeal for God in light of your checkbook, what grade would you give yourself?

