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5:1-6 *Do not treasure earthly gain.* James writes a no-holds-barred warning about God's coming judgment upon those who misuse their wealth. His warning applies to us – whether we are those who have fallen into this trap of misusing God's good gifts, or we are those who live in a society where wealth is the goal. In both cases, we must heed what James says if we are to be found faithful.

What's the solution? It's to treasure Jesus above wealth. To hunger for Christ: to desire Him, His ways, and His kingdom above earthly gain. In doing so, we steward our wealth faithfully when we use it to honor Jesus and to care well for the needs of others.

The Point: Wealth is as much a test of faithfulness as anything else in this life – we must not misuse what God has given to cause divisions, harm others, or to think we can provide for our own security apart from the Lord.

Prayer: Father, how we tend to our wealth reveals our heart. Help us to be convicted in every right way, and to respond by trusting Jesus in every great way. Make us to be generous people, trusting not in wealth, but in you.

Application: Are you falling into the trap – whether intentional or not – of using your wealth in ways that don't honor God? What step will you take today to treasure Christ over your wealth? How will you use what God has entrusted to you for the blessing of others and for His glory?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____

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