

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**  
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**“Fool’s Gold”**

James 5:1-6

**Today’s BIG IDEA:**

***The way we approach our finances is an excellent indicator of how we approach our faith.***

**1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : Material \_\_\_\_\_ equals spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(1 Timothy 6:10; Matthew 6:19-21)*

A. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2-3)

B. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)  
*(Proverbs 28:6)*

- When our hearts long for riches rather than righteousness, the boundaries of integrity begin to blur.

C. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5)

D. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6)

**2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : No earthly \_\_\_\_\_ is worth eternal \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. The greedy person’s money will \_\_\_\_\_ away (v.2)  
*(James 1:11)*

B. The greedy person’s \_\_\_\_\_ will be consumed (v.3)

C. The greedy person will \_\_\_\_\_ a holy God (v.4)

D. The greedy person \_\_\_\_\_ themselves for slaughter (v.5)

**Some closing thoughts:**

- It’s not a sin to have riches. But wanting riches often leads to sin.
- God doesn’t judge us based on how MUCH money we have
  - He judges us based on our MOTIVATION for getting it
  - He judges us based on our METHODS of getting it
  - He judges us based on our MANAGEMENT of it when we get it

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**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Do you consider yourself to be rich? Why/why not? How does today’s text apply to your particular financial situation?
2. How much is “enough?” At what financial point would you be content?
3. The Bible speaks about money more than any other singular topic. Why do you think God is so concerned about the way we handle our finances?