



Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

Point: Do what you know God is calling you to do!

- What are you doing to serve God’s plan?

Question: Consider the phrase, “Money Talks.” Do you view it as good or bad, a bit of both?

LOOK UP: Watch this week’s video on the 4G web page.

Recap: In James 5:1-6, James lays into those with money, the rich, and the wealthy. He pulls no punches – it’s an all-out slugfest. He uses words like misery, rotten, corroded, fattened, and self-indulgent to describe their behaviors. But as we look closer, it’s not wealth so much as what is done, or better yet isn’t done, with wealth. Wealth becomes a problem when it is used to run over or ignore others less fortunate. Wealth can make us easily focus on self and this world rather than on God, others, and things of eternal significance.

Any good financial planner will tell you that to keep what wealth you have you need to invest it. And the same is true for anything of value – like the Word of God and His will for us and others. We need to invest in activities and ministries that will have an eternal significance leading to an eternal dividend.

LOOK IN: Discussion

- Make a group list of practical eternal investment ideas. Try to be as specific as possible.
- Then, come up with a list of practical eternal investments that can be done as a group.
- Commit to one as a group. Make an investment plan.

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: Life is short; invest in eternity; invest in people.

Bolster Your Eternity Portfolio

What are you doing now that is an investment in eternity?

How does your financial investment portfolio compare to your eternal investment portfolio? How much time, talent, and treasure are you putting into each?

What, if anything, do you need to change? How will you change it?
