

What Christians Should Do with A Stimulus Check

James 5:1-6

Open It

How much does it take to be considered rich in your community?
If you won \$1 million, what would you do with it?
How does money change people?

Explore It

Whom did James address in this passage? Why? (5:1)
What warning did James give to rich people? (5:1-3)
What misfortune lies ahead for the wealthy? (5:1-3)
Who should "weep and wail"? Why? (5:1-6)
What will happen to all the possessions of the wealthy? (5:2-3)
What attitude does God have toward hoarding wealth? (5:3)
For what reasons will the rich be punished? (5:4-6)
Who have been the victims of rich people? (5:4-6)
How have rich people hurt others? (5:4-6)
What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for rich people? (5:5)

Get It

How do money and riches affect our relationship with God?
What does God think about people who are rich?
What problems are solved by being rich?
What problems are not solved by being rich?
How does God want us to handle money?
What does it mean to live in "luxury and indulgence"?
What common business and financial practices are different from God's standards?
How should a Christian business owner or employer be different from others who do not follow Christ?
How does a person's use of money reflect what is important to him or her?
How can we use money to reflect what is important to God?
What material possessions would you find it difficult to give up to help someone else?
What do you possess that money cannot buy?

Apply It

What can you do with your money this week to demonstrate your love for God?
What changes can you make in your habitual use of money to please God?
What plans for the future can you make to reflect God's concern for the poor?