

RBC Bible Study 2023

James: Rebuilding our Lives Ethically

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Wisdom about Riches (James 1:9-11)

1. Being humble provides more wealth than anything we can muster.
  - a. Humility is not just an inner disposition. It also concerns one's status in the world.
  - b. But it also includes one's inner disposition. One can be arrogant with no money.
  - c. Boasting here should be understood as a declaration of God's righteousness.
2. When one is humble, it provides space for God to do the exaltation.
  - a. God does not like prideful people.
  - b. God wants to place his mark on those who belong to him. They must leave space for God to do his work.
3. The more money someone has, the more potential for problems.
  - a. Some problems come from people.
    - i. Jealousy
    - ii. Competition
    - iii. Violence
4. Most problems with money can be self-inflicted.
  - i. Idolatry
  - ii. Pride
  - iii. Greed
5. Having great wealth and substance demands intentional efforts to be humble.
  - a. Humble people try not to arrogantly flaunt what they have.
  - b. Humble people surrender everything they have to God.