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**Today: Condemnation of the Wealthy, Shrewd and Self-willed people,
and Biblical Perspectives on the subject of Money**

It is not Sin to be Rich (Luke 16:19-31; Ps 112:1-3)

I. Condemnation of the Wicked Rich for Hoarding Wealth (5:1-3)

A. Foolishness for Hoarding Wealth

**The Righteous Shares his Wealth with those in Need (Ps 112: 5, 9);
the Wicked Hoards the Wealth out of Conceit and/or for Security (1 Tim 6:17)**

B. Fiery Judgment – both in the Present and the Future

“Weep and Wail” – Repent!

It is not Wrong to Acquire Wealth (Deut 24:14–15)

II. Condemnation of the Wicked Rich for Wealth at the Expense of others (5:4)

A. Defrauding Poor Workers

B. Vindication – both in the Present and the Future (Mal 3:5)

**Authentic Christians do not Violate the 8th Commandment:
“You shall Not Steal”**

The Wrong and Right Way to Spend Money

III. Condemnation of the Wicked Rich for their Reckless Lifestyle (5:5-6)

A. Living in Luxury and Self-indulgence (Luke 12:15)

B. Murder the Innocent by Wealth/Power

**Wanton Living Ruins Character
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Reflection: Money – a Test of Authenticity!

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