

SUPPORT MY FAMILY
Part 4: DECISION DAY (A WORD OF WARNING)
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"You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:34-35 (NIV)

FOUR WARNINGS

"Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you."
James 5:1 (NIV)

1. **DON'T ASSUME** _____.

- I don't _____ I'm rich because I don't _____ rich.
 I don't _____ rich because:
 - a. No financial _____, no _____.
 - b. I _____ my financial position with _____.
- **REALITY:** If I have a household income of \$ _____, I am in the top _____ of wage earners worldwide. If I own a _____ I am in top _____.

"Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire ..." James 5:2-3 (NIV)

2. **DON'T ASSUME RICH PEOPLE ARE MORE** _____.
RICH PEOPLE ARE MORE _____ **GOD.**

Prosperity Gospel

If I really love God and really have faith, I'll be rich.

I _____ to get the god (wealth) I really love.

The Bible

I am responsible to:

1. Support _____ and those who depend on me.
2. Support those who _____.
3. Support _____.

Poverty Gospel

The poorer I am, the more God will love me.

I _____ through poverty.

- REALITY: The more I _____, the more my _____ tends to shift from _____ to what I _____.

- REALITY: The issue isn't how much _____, but how much _____.

"... You have hoarded wealth in the last days."

James 5:3 (NIV)

3. DON'T ASSUME I WILL HAVE _____ TO _____ WHAT I _____.

- Beware the _____: If it comes _____, it must be _____.

- REALITY: I will most likely run out of _____ before I run out of _____.

"... The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty."

James 5:4 (NIV)

4. DON'T ASSUME I CAN GET BY WITH _____. I MUST LOOK FOR _____ TO DO _____.

"You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter."

James 5:5 (NIV)