GRACE NOTES

Sermon Series: JAMES: REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIFE
Message: The Miseries of Wealth
Scripture: James 5:1-6
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2016

[1] Come now, you rich people! Weep and wail over the miseries that are coming on you. [2] Your wealth is ruined and your clothes are moth-eaten. [3] Your silver and gold are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You stored up treasure in the last days! [4] Look! The pay that you withheld from the workers who reaped your fields cries out, and the outcry of the harvesters has reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts. [5] You have lived luxuriously on the land and have indulged yourselves. You have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. [6] You have condemned — you have murdered — the righteous man; he does not resist you.
(James 5:1-6, HCSB)

Christians have an far different attitude toward <u>wealth</u> and <u>possessions</u> than non-Christians...or at least they should.

Christians have a <u>hope</u> that is beyond this life.

God is profoundly concerned about the plight of the poor, and He is profoundly disturbed by the abuse of the poor by the powerful.