

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

An Eternal Perspective

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Both poverty and wealth are spiritual tests that reveal where we place our trust

James 1:9-11

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The interesting thing about a trial is that a trial usually tells us who and what we put our trust in.

at 1:45

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The poor believer can boast because of an exalted identity in Christ -- fully accepted, secure, and significant

Ephesians 1:4-5

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Do you realize that when you stopped and made that decision in your life, if you've done that, to ask Christ to come into your life to forgive you, to take control inside of you that He did, but it's way more than that. In Christ we are fully accepted.

at 8:03

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The wealthy believer's trial is the temptation of self-reliance and false security

Mark 4:19

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James is not condemning wealth whatsoever. Lots of wealthy people in the Bible that were completely faithful, Abraham was a wealthy man, very faithful, so was King David. Wealth is not the issue here, like anything else, it's what you do with it.

at 12:38

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Wealth is temporary like a wildflower that withers in the scorching heat

James 1:10-11

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Life can unravel in the midst of chasing success. I can't tell you how many people spiritually need to grow spiritually and yet every single thing that they read is some kind of a success book about how to make their next huge amount of money.

at 18:02

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Believers are called to live with an eternal perspective, holding wealth as a tool and Christ as the foundation

Mark 8:36

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What's done on earth will pass. Meaning what's done for Christ will last.

at 28:43