



LESSON NINE: Genuine Behavior (James 5:1-8)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine behavior. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Christians Should Not Trust In Riches (v.1)

- A. The rich will weep.
- B. The rich will be miserable.
- C. The rich will be condemned.

II. Christians Should Not Store Up Treasures (vs.2-3)

- A. Riches will be corrupted.
- B. Garments will be moth-eaten.
- C. Gold and silver will be corroded.

III. Christians Should Not Defraud Others (v.4)

- A. Debts and wages should be paid honestly.
- B. Fraudulent behavior is condemned in God's word.
- C. The Lord will open His ears to the cries of the oppressed.

IV. Christians Should Not Take Pleasure in the Earth (vs.5-6)

- A. The rich live in pleasure and luxury.
- B. The rich condemn and murder the just.
- C. The rich will meet little opposition.

V. Christians Should Not Ignore the Second Coming (vs.7-8)

- A. We must be patient while we wait for Jesus.
- B. We must be watchful while we wait for Jesus.
- C. We must be steadfast while we wait for Jesus.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine behavior. Will you follow James' advice?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Behavior"