

SOMETHING MORE
THE MIDAS TOUCH
James 5:1-6

Just about everyone has heard the story of King Midas. It's a vivid reminder of what can happen to people when the pursuit of wealth becomes the consuming passion of their lives. Let's take a look at these questions for discussion as we examine what James had to say about wealth.

1. Excitement, joy and happiness is the usual response to the acquisition of wealth, especially on a TV game show or a televised report about a lottery winner. James tells those who are rich to respond in an entirely different manner in verse 1. Why do you think he said that?

2. Take a few moments to do a little research. Based upon what James says in verses 2-5, write down your reasons for how wealth can produce tragic consequences in the lives of those who passionately pursue it. Back up your answers with other passages of Scripture in the Bible.

3. Who is James talking about in verse 6 when he says, "You have condemned and murdered the righteous one who does not resist you?" Is James talking about the people who have been taken advantage of by the wealthy, or is he referring to someone else?

4. What does this passage of Scripture teach us as Christians about the acquisition of wealth?