

Money Myths Exposed – Week 3

Recap:

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Truth: How we use God's money will _____ throughout _____.

I. Keys to Estate Planning
*Have an **eternal perspective** on your retirement planning.*

1. Realize that you will be _____.
2. Recognize that your handling of the _____ will determine how _____ you are handed in eternity.
3. Live like a _____ now and you will live as an _____ in eternity.

II. Results of Failing to Estate Plan
***Failing to plan** reveals a great deal.*

James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

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