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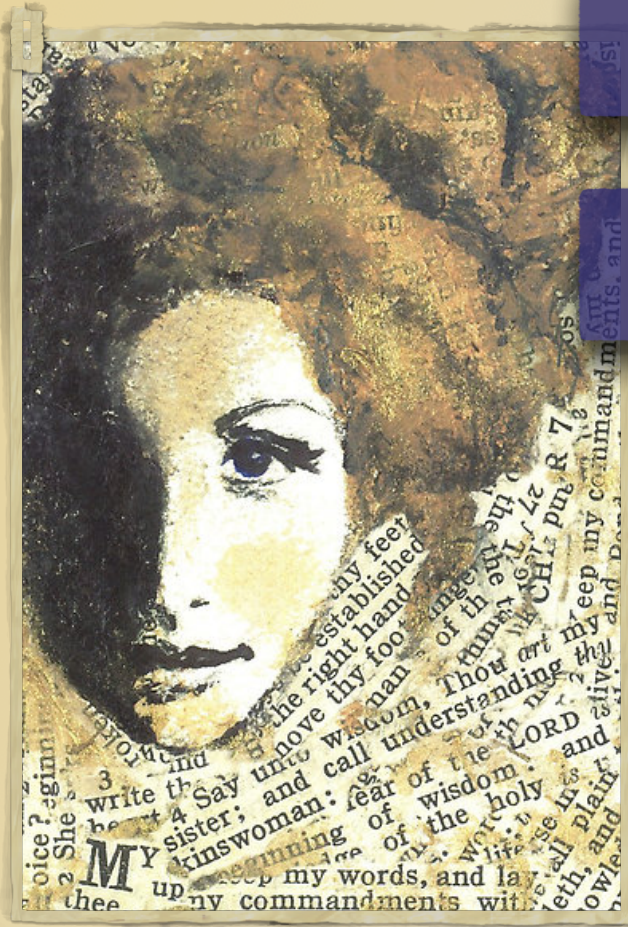
James: Two Kinds of Wisdom

Faith Without Works is Dead

Faith With Works is Life

Life and Death ...

Prov. 11:19 True righteousness leads to *life*,
pursuing evil leads to his *death*



1:1 ...to the twelve tribes **dispersed** abroad

1:2 ...brothers and sisters (**believers**)

consider it joy — in trials,

1:3 ...**knowing** that “tested faith”

produces endurance **Prov 4:1** pay attention so you

know discernment (*your intent*)

Faith Without Tests = Weakness (Failure)

Faith With Tests = Endurance (Success)

1:4 The Result of TESTING: **τελεω** The Goal!

Prov. 2:3-6 ... if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; **if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures—then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God—**
For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Prov. 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge ...

The Rich

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The Poor

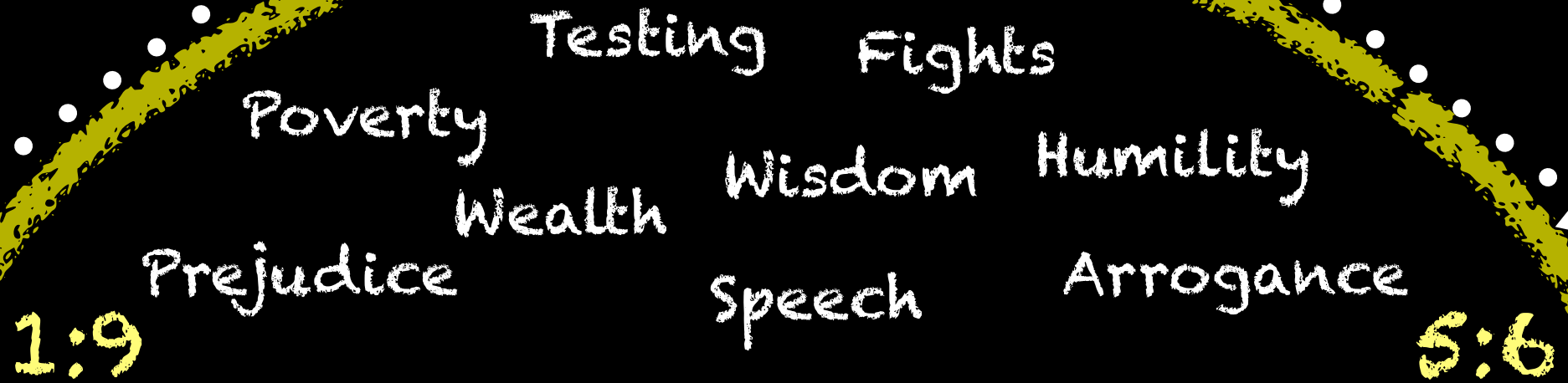
prejudice
boasting
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tolerance
speech
patience
prayer
humility

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The Peril of being RICH!

Encouragement



Prov. 3:34 Toward the **scorners** (*laits*) he is scornful,
but to the **humble** he shows favor.

Prov. 3:35 The **wise** will inherit honor,
but **stubborn fools** (*ca-seel*), disgrace.

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**Prov. 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all**

Prov. 3:16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.

Prov. 10:4 A slack hand causes poverty,
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Prov. 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes rich,
and he adds no sorrow with it.

Prov. 11:4 **Riches** do not profit in the day of wrath,
but **righteousness** delivers from death.

Prov. 11:16 A woman of **grace** gains honor,
and **ruthless** (*violent*) men seize wealth.

Prov. 11:28 Those who trust in their **riches** will wither,
but the **righteous** will flourish like green leaves.

Demonic WISDOM

God's WISDOM

3:13 Are there any of you who are wise and understanding? You are to prove it by your good life, by your good deeds performed with humility and wisdom.

3:14 But if in your heart you are jealous, bitter, and selfish, don't sin against the truth by boasting of your wisdom.

3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from heaven; it belongs to the world, it is unspiritual and demonic.

3:16 Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder and every kind of evil.

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3:17 But the wisdom from above is pure first of all; it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly; it is full of compassion (*mercy*) and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy.

3:18 The Product of wisdom is Peace—not Fights

Pride

Humility

1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2:1-6 My brothers and sisters, do not show prejudice if you possess faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if someone comes into your assembly wearing a gold ring and fine clothing, and a poor person enters in filthy clothes, do you pay attention to the one who is finely dressed and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and to the poor person, “You stand over there,” or “Sit on the floor”? If so, **have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil motives?**

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters! Did not God choose the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor! Are not the rich oppressing you and dragging you into the courts (*persecuting you*)?

2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can this kind of faith save him?

2:15-16 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,” but you do not give them what the body needs, what good is it?

2:17 So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead — being by itself.

Prov. 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. (**LXX** ... *do good to the poor, whenever you have power to help him.*)

Prov. 3:28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

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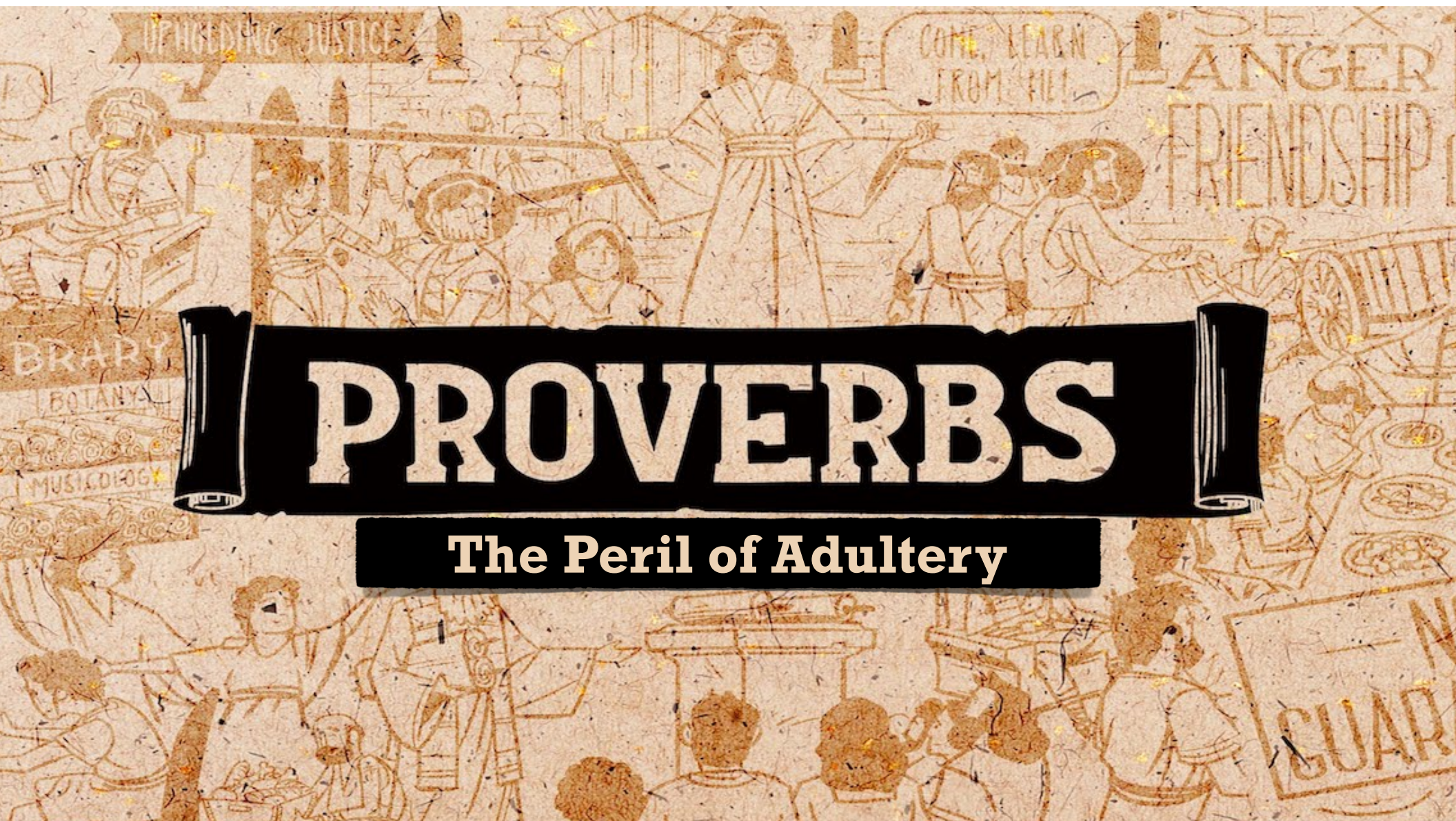


5:7-8 So be **patient**, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's return. Think of how **the farmer waits** for the precious fruit of the ground and is patient for it until it receives the early and late rains. You also be **patient and strengthen your hearts**, for the Lord's return is near.

5:9-11 **Do not grumble** against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged. See, the judge stands before the gates! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name. **Think of how we regard as blessed those who have endured** (*Hebrews 11?*). You have heard of Job's endurance and you have seen the Lord's purpose, that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest,—
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The thronèd monarch better than his crown:
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred sway,—
It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's,
When mercy seasons justice.

Mercy by William Shakespeare



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The Peril of Adultery