

## Two Modern Idols: Control & Cash

James 4:13-5:6

### I) Modern Idolatry

- Definition of idolatry

- Idolatry: the foundation of all sin (Exodus 20:1-6)

### II) The Idol of Control (James 4:13-17)

- The Problem: We seek to be our own lord (v.13 & 16)

- The Solution: Recognize that you are finite (v.14-15)

- Application: Do what God is calling you to do... today! (v.17)

### III) The Idol of Cash (James 5:1-6)

- The Problem: We cling to our wealth... and it brings death! (v.1-3a)

- The Evidence

1) Store up treasures on earth (v.3b)

2) Dishonest gain (v.4 & 6)

3) Indulgence of the flesh (v.5)

- Application: Flee! Fight!

1) Give generously (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

2) Value Jesus over earthly possessions (Matthew 13:44-46)