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Preparing For the New Year

James 5:1-12



We can
swim
among the
sharks of
life.

The background of the slide is a blue-tinted underwater scene. Several divers in scuba gear are visible, swimming in the water. In the foreground, a large shark is swimming towards the viewer, its mouth slightly open. Other sharks are visible in the background, creating a sense of a shark-infested environment. The overall mood is ominous and dangerous.

James 5:1-11 (HCSB)

1 Come now, you rich people! Weep and wail over the miseries that are coming on you.

2 Your wealth is ruined: your clothes are moth-eaten;

3 your silver and gold are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You stored up treasure in the last days!



James 5:1-11 (HCSB)

4 Look! The pay that you withheld from the workers who reaped your fields cries out, and the outcry of the harvesters has reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts.

5 You have lived luxuriously on the land and have indulged yourselves. You have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned—you have murdered—the righteous man; he does not resist you.



James 5:1-11 (HCSB)

7 Therefore, brothers, be patient until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth and is patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, because the Lord's coming is near.

9 Brothers, do not complain about one another, so that you will not be judged. Look, the judge stands at the door!

A diver in a blue wetsuit is swimming underwater, surrounded by several large sharks. The scene is set in deep blue water, creating a dramatic and somewhat perilous atmosphere. The diver is positioned in the upper left, looking towards the right. The sharks are swimming in various directions, some closer to the diver than others. The overall tone is one of tension and survival.

James 5:1-11 (HCSB)

10 Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name as an example of suffering and patience.

11 See, we count as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and have seen the outcome from the Lord: the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

A blue-tinted underwater scene featuring several sharks and divers. The sharks are swimming in various directions, and the divers are visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and somewhat ominous.

James 5:1-11 (HCSB)

12 Now above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. Your “yes” must be “yes,” and your “no” must be “no,” so that you won’t fall under judgment.



1. Be Aware of the Money Trap

A. Wealth is not Lasting

2 Your wealth is ruined: your clothes are moth-eaten; 3 your silver and gold are corroded,

B. Wealth can condemn us

3...and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You stored up treasure in the last days!



1. Be Aware of the Money Trap

**C. Wealth influences
lifestyle**

**5 You have lived luxuriously on
the land and have indulged
yourselves. You have fattened
your hearts for the day of
slaughter.**

**6 You have condemned—you
have murdered—**

The image is a vertical collage of three scenes from the movie 'Jaws'. The top scene shows a diver in a blue wetsuit holding a shark's dorsal fin. The middle scene shows a woman in a red jacket holding a shark's dorsal fin. The bottom scene shows a shark with its mouth open, showing its teeth. The background is a deep blue underwater environment.

2. Be Patient (until Christ Returns)

The Examples:

The Farmer

The Prophets

Job

The background of the slide is a collage of three scenes from the movie 'Jaws'. The top scene shows a diver in a dark wetsuit being attacked by a shark. The middle scene shows a woman in a red jacket being attacked by a shark. The bottom scene shows a shark with its mouth open, showing its teeth, attacking a diver. The text is overlaid on these scenes.

3. Be Careful What We Say

**12...Your “yes” must
be “yes,” and your
“no” must be “no,”
so that you won’t
fall under judgment.**



Danger!

**Beware
of the
sharks
in life**

A blue-tinted underwater scene featuring several sharks and people. One person is at the top, another is on the left, and a third is on the right. The sharks are swimming in the water, and the overall atmosphere is dark and mysterious.

Are we prepared for the New Year?

Have we fallen into the money trap?

Are we patient?

When we speak does people trust?