



How to Prepare for Court

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Legal Advice

James 5:1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.

Material Evidence

² Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.

³ Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire.

Attendant Circumstance

It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

Witnesses

⁴ Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, *and* which has been withheld by you, cries out *against you*; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Character Evidence

⁵ You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure;

Impending Verdict

you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

⁶ You have condemned and put to death the righteous *man*; he does not resist you.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord...

How Avoid Court

James 1:9 But let the brother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

¹⁰ and *let* the rich man *glory* in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away.

¹¹ For the sun rises with a scorching wind, and withers the grass; and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷ Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

James 1:27 This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism.

² For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

³ and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

⁷ Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?

⁸ If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

¹¹ For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹² So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty.

¹³ For judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴ What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?

¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

James 4:1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?

⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

⁷ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Note The Motive of Murder

James 5:5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

⁶ You have condemned and put to death the righteous *man*; he does not resist you.

According to Scripture and the US Constitution the only question, from conception till death, healthy or infirmed, rich or poor, planned or conceived in rape, is personhood. The answer: pictures and passages.

Luke 1:39 Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

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⁴¹ And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women *are* you, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

⁴³ "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

⁴⁴ "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

Psalms 139:13 For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."