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**WORKS**  
A STUDY IN JAMES

**James 1:9-12**

# The Paradox of Christianity





To Live is to **Die**  
To Lose is to **Gain**  
To Conquer is to **Surrender**  
To Lead is to **Serve**  
To be First is to be **Last**  
To be weak is to be **Strong**  
To be a slave is to be **Free**  
To be Crucified is to **Live**

# Jesus' Death Conquered Death





# James' Paradoxes

To be a Servant is **Good**

To have Trials is to have **Joy**

To be Wise is to be **Foolish**

To be Poor is to be **Rich**

# The Status of Lowly Christians

1. **Church** was Lowly
2. **Jesus** was Lowly



# The Exaltation of Lowly Christians

1. They are **Rich in Faith**

2. They are **Heirs of the Kingdom**



# The Boast of Lowly Christians

1. They Boast in their **Riches** in Christ
2. They Boast in their **Status** in Christ



# The Status of Rich Christians

1. The Rich are at a **Spiritual Disadvantage**



## 2. The Rich are in **Spiritual Danger**

Can Lead to **Love of Money**

Can Lead to **Idolatry**

Can Lead to **Slavery**

Can Lead to **Ruin**



Money is **Not Sinful**

Money is **like Nuclear Material**



# The Humiliation of Rich Christians

1. Human **Life** is Fleeting
2. Human **Vanity** is Fleeting
3. Human **Accomplishment** is Fleeting



# The Boast of Rich Christians

1. They Boast in their **Riches** in Christ
2. They Boast in their **Status** in Christ



# Stewardship

1. We Give **Tithes**
2. We Give **Offerings**
3. We Give **Sacrificially**



# The Hope for Christians

1. Both Must **See their Status from God's Perspective**
2. Both Must **Remain Steadfast**
3. Both Must **Pass the Test**
4. Both will be **Blessed & Loved by God**
5. Both will **Receive the Crown of Life**