

**JOURNEY THROUGH JAMES, Sermon # 4**  
**“The Wealth of Poverty”**  
Text: James 1:9-12

**Striking Paradox # 1—**

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE DESTITUTE (v. 9)**

- The response of the Christian facing economic difficulty should be “\_\_\_\_\_” not “gloomy.”
- James does NOT express \_\_\_\_\_ for the poverty-stricken brother.
- God has spared us the trials and temptations associated with incredible \_\_\_\_\_.

**Striking Paradox # 2—**

**II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE DIGNIFIED(vs.10-11)**

First, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rich.

- The rich brother needs to embrace a *lowly view* of his \_\_\_\_\_ possessions.

Second, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rich.

- This brief life-span of the Palestinian wild flowers became the Oriental \_\_\_\_\_ of the transitoriness of life.

Remember a few things about material items—

1. First, God is not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Second, it will all be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Third, any or all of these things can become “idols” or “spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. Fourth, God would use our money more \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE DILIGENT (v.12)**

1. First, look at the \_\_\_\_\_ (12a)
2. Second, consider the \_\_\_\_\_ (12b)