Text: Habakkuk 2:4-20

Topics: Faith, Greed, Pride, Judgment Series: Habakkuk: Living in Troubled Times Monroe Bible Church January 20, 2018 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

The Law of Reaping

I. A Contrast of Paths (4-5)

<u>Pride</u> and <u>greed</u> are never <u>satisfied</u>, but there's <u>life</u> in the <u>walk</u> of <u>faith</u>!

II. A Constant Principle (6-20)

Five Woe's:

The First (6-8)

The Second (9-11)

The Third (12-14)

The Fourth (15-17)

The Fifth (18-20)

Those who seek <u>gain</u> by <u>atrocity</u> can expect <u>retribution</u> by <u>God</u>.

III. A Clear Application

Don't lose *heart*!

Do <u>live</u> the <u>faith</u>!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. Have you struggled with a person getting away with evil? What was the evil, why was it a struggle for you?
- 2. What is the reader warned against in Proverbs 16:18 and why? (See also v. 5) How does a person get caught up in this?

Describe what the consequences would look like in your life.

How does a person guard against it?

How does Proverbs 15:33 tell us to guard against it? Why don't people like the attribute given in this verse?

- 3. What does Jesus warn against falling into in Luke 12:15? How many "forms" of this do you see around you? Which is hardest to resist and why?
- 4. Read Ephesians 5:3, 5. What are believers told not to allow in their lives, and that is equated to idolatry? Why do you think it is equated to idolatry?

Can you identify an area in your life in which you fall into this, at least a little? What's the secret to being set free? (See Colossians 3:5)

- 5. Read 2 Peter 2:1-9. What encouragement does Peter give his readers in the struggle against temptation and the evil of others? How can you make this encouragement part of your daily life?
- 6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?