

Proverbs

Your Money

Introduction

Money is desirable for many reasons. Our hearts seek after money and the things it can provide for us. However, Proverbs promises that wisdom is of greater value and will be a better provider of true riches.

Discussion Questions

- Wealth is gained with wisdom. Yet, so are the things that money can't buy [8:18-21]. What are things that you seek to attain with money? What does your spending say you are really concerned about?
- One of the things money can provide is a sense of security [18:11]. In another sense, however, it is actually useless [11:4,28]. Why should we work hard to get money? What benefit is it to us? How can having money draw our hearts away from trusting God?
- We deceive and misrepresent ourselves in many ways. The significance that we seek to gain from money can even destroy our integrity [13:7]. Why would someone pretend to have more or less money than they do? What does that reveal?
- Getting rich quick is the dream of most. Yet, wisdom indicates that is not actually a good thing [20:21]. Having the wisdom to handle money is more important than actually having it. When you get money, do you tend to spend, save, or invest? Why?
- When we worship, we make sacrifices. That is why giving is a significant way we are called to worship [3:9]. What things do you sacrifice financially to obtain? Does your checkbook ledger reflect your priorities? Why or why not?

Think About It

One of the greatest dangers of money, is its ability to affect our hearts. We can profane God when we want more money. We can deny our need of him when we have too much. Either way, we reveal our true God.

What Will You Do?

Take an honest assessment of your giving. Examine your spending, investing, and saving. Remember how Jesus gave himself for you. Repent of any foolishness and honor the Lord with the life and wealth he has entrusted to you.

Renewing Your Mind

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce. [Proverbs 3:9]

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. [Proverbs 16:16]

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. [Proverbs 22:1]

Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. [Proverbs 23:4]

Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth. [Deuteronomy 8:17-18]

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. [1Timothy 6:17-18]

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Matthew 6:21]

The cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. [Mark 4:19]

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. [1Timothy 6:10]

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. [2Corinthians 8:9]

Prayer Requests

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God. [Proverbs 30:7-9]

