

Lesson 10: Financial Stewardship

MEMORY VERSE: “The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.” (**Prov. 10:22**)


Principles for Handling Finances


- **10:22** – Whose money is it (**22:2**)?
 - Is just the church treasury the Lord’s money?
 - How does our money management affect our eternal destiny? (**Luke 16:10-13; Matt. 25:14-40**)
- **11:4,28; 23:5; 27:24** – Remember, our money still says “In God We Trust”, let us not forget it.

Proverbs 13:7
“There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; and one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.”

- **3:9-10** – What’s the first thing we should do with our income?
- **3:27-28; 11:25,26; 22:9** – How does our generosity to others come back to bless us in this life?
- **10:4-5; 13:11; 20:21; 28:20,22** – Should we expect financial security with little effort?
 - **23:4** – What limits should we place on our efforts to make money (**1 Tim. 6:9-10**)?
- **6:8; 10:5; 13:22; 20:4** – What are some ways that we can plan ahead and put aside financially?

\$ Bible People \$

 Think of two people in the Bible who were very generous with their money.

 Think of two people in the Bible who were very stingy with their money.

- **22:7** – How is debt like slavery?
 - Should we pay our debts (**Ps. 37:21**)?
 - What debts can be good debt, and what debts are harmful?

- **27:23-27** – How do we *today* keep track of our “flocks and herds”?

- **24:27** – What happens to many people when they make big purchases before they have the income to support them?

- **21:17,20** – How do we nickel and dime ourselves to death (or debt)?
 - What is the virtue of learning to say “NO” to our wants?

Proverbs 30:8-9

Remove falsehood and lies
far from me; give me
neither poverty nor riches
-- feed me with the food
allotted to 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.

Hidden Treasures

“...search for her as for hidden treasures.”

Questions for thought: Is it wrong for a Christian to be wealthy?
How much money is too much money? Isn't money the 'root of all evil'?