

Study Guide

Wealth

1. Read Matthew 6:21, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Discuss the concept that money is a mirror. How does my expense list reflect what is important to me?

2. Read Proverbs 11:4, 16:16, 21:1 and 23:4-5. Discuss how righteousness, wisdom, wealth and leisure are of more value to us than money. How can we learn to invest more in these areas than in just making more money?

3. Read and discuss the good reflections that can come from our wealth:

- a. Proverbs 13:11. Hard work
- b. Proverbs 6:6-8. Financial planning
- c. Proverbs 3:9-10- Generosity

4. Read 2 Cor. 8:9: *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."*

How can knowing Jesus set you free from the need for approval, control or comfort?

Application

Discuss and pray together about an action item you feel led to implement based on these principles on wealth.

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Big Idea: Money is a Mirror

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A. Bad Reflections

1. Righteousness > wealth

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Proverbs 11:4 *"Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death."*

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Investment tip: Invest your efforts in your relationship with Jesus.

2. Wisdom > Wealth

Proverbs 16:16 "How much better to get wisdom than gold, and good judgment than silver!"

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Investment tip: Read a Proverb each day

3. Relationships > Wealth

Proverbs 22:1 "A good name is to be desired more than great wealth; favor is better than silver and gold."

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Investment tip: Next time you feel sorry for yourself, invest in someone else.

4. Leisure and Enjoyment > Wealth

Proverbs 23:4-5- "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle."

Ecc. 8:15- "So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink and enjoy life."

Investment Tip: Take one day off per week

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B. Good Reflections

1. Hard work yields the best interest rate!

Proverbs 13:11

"Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time."

2. Die a Little, Live a Lot

Proverbs 6:6-8

"Go to the ant, O sluggard. Observe her ways and be wise; which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the summer and gathers her provision in the harvest."

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3. Pay it Forward – 90% > 100%

Proverbs 3:9-10- "Honor the Lord with your wealth, the very first of all your crops, then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 11:24-25- "One man gives freely, yet gains even more, and another withholds unduly but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

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