

Wisdom In Handling Wealth

Proverbs: Wisdom For Daily Life

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Introduction

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth... Proverbs 10:22

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. Prov. 10:4

Main Idea: Wealth is a blessing from the Lord. We are called to be good stewards of His resources. Wealth is a wonderful servant but a terrible master.

3 Truths For Handling Wealth As Good Stewards

1. Realize it all belongs to God and we are called to be faithful stewards.

Matthew 25:14-30 (The master entrusted his wealth to them.)

2. Beware of the dangers of wealth.

*Can prioritize money over relationships. Prov. 15:16-17

*Can cheat others to get it. Prov. 20:23

*Can become a slave to debt. Prov. 22:7

*Can trust in wealth instead of God. Prov. 28:11,11:4, 11:28

*Can cause you to deny God.

Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. Prov. 30:8-9

3. Make decisions that keep money in its proper place.

*Give to the Lord first.

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

*Save for the future and bless your family.

Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow... A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children. Prov. 13:11, 22

*Learn to be content. Philippians 4:11-20

*Live generously.

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. Prov. 11:24