

Fool Proof

Your Relationship with Money

Proverbs 10:22, 6:6-11, 28:25, 3:9-10, 11:24-25

Message Outline

God intends money as a blessing.

We change money into a curse.

Generosity restores our healthy relationship with money.

Looking Back

Whether or not we've considered it carefully, we all have a relationship with money that is far deeper and more important than receiving a regular paycheck or carefully balancing our accounts. Money can cause us significant pain and conflict. Money can also help us reach goals and enjoy life. More than likely, you have some complicated thoughts and feelings around money. That's why we're looking for wisdom from Proverbs to create a healthy perspective on money.

Thinking It Through

agree|disagree, consider|contemplate

Our business is always with God first, and he is the best business partner in the universe. ~ Ray Ortland

Most middle class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play, and to play at their worship. As a result, their meanings and values are distorted.

Their relationships disintegrate faster than they can keep them in repair, and their lifestyles resemble a cast of characters in search of a plot. ~ Gordon Dahl

*I and my companions suffer from a disease of the heart that only gold can cure.
~ Hernan Cortez*

Working It Out

1. What are your views on money and wealth—positive, negative, neutral, or mixed? Why is that?
 2. What perspectives on money and wealth do you see in...
 - a. Proverbs 10:22
 - b. Proverbs 6:6-11
 - c. Proverbs 28:25
 3. What characteristics do these passages encourage in our relationship with money...
 - a. Proverbs 24:30-34
 - b. Proverbs 13:11
 - c. Proverbs 22:3-7
 - d. Proverbs 21:20
 - e. Proverbs 3:9-10
 4. Which characteristic(s) from above would you like to build into your character? How could you take a step toward being that type of person?
 5. How have you experienced both the blessing and the curse of money?
 6. The only prayer in Proverbs connects to our relationship with money. How might your life change if you make this part of your prayers this week?

First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name. Proverbs 30:8-9 NLT
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