

PROVERBS ON MONEY, PART 2 ON WHAT TO DO WITH MONEY

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How Not to Use Money

Proverbs 13:23 — The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice.

Proverbs 18:23 — The poor use entreaties, but the rich answer roughly.

Proverbs 20:14 — "Bad, bad," says the buyer, but when he goes away, then he boasts.

Proverbs 21:13 — Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

Proverbs 29:3 — He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

Bless People

Proverbs 11:24-28...

24 — One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

25 — Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

26 — The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

27 — Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

28 — Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Proverbs 13:22 — A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

Proverbs 14:21 — Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 22:7-9 —

7 — The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

8 — Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.

9 — Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Proverbs 27:23-27 — Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations? When the grass is gone and the new growth appears and the vegetation of the mountains is gathered, the lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field. There will be enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household and maintenance for your girls.

Proverbs 28:27 — Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

Proverbs 31:10, 20 — An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels... She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Honor the Lord

Proverbs 3:9-10 — Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 14:31 — Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

Proverbs 19:17 — Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Special Issue: Think Before You Put Up Security for Another Person

Proverbs 6:1-5 — My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, have given your pledge for a stranger, if you are snared in the words of your mouth, caught in the words of your mouth, then do this, my son, and save yourself, for you have come into the hand of your neighbor: go hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor. Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber; save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Proverbs 11:15 — Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer, but whoever refuses to shake hands in pledge is safe.

Proverbs 17:18 — One who lacks sense gives a pledge and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor.

Proverbs 20:16 — Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for foreigners.

Proverbs 22:26-27 — Be not one of those who give pledges, who put up security for debts. If you have nothing with which to pay, why should your bed be taken from under you?

Proverbs 27:13 — Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for an adulteress.

- *How do you make sense of these warnings in light of Proverbs' call to be generous? Should we help people in need, or shouldn't we?*

Special Issue: Don't Over-Indulge

Proverbs 21:17 — Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

Proverbs 21:20 — Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.

Proverbs 23:19-21 — Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way. Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.