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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Selected Scriptures

“Wisdom with Wealth, Part Two”

- I. Attitude toward Wealth
 - A. Common Attitudes Toward Wealth: It’s evil to be rich; It’s evil to be poor; It’s godly to be rich; It’s godly to be poor
 - B. Things That Are Better Than Wealth
 - 1. Wisdom (Prov. 3:13-14; 8:10-11, 18-19; 16:16)
 - 2. Godly Character (Prov. 16:8; 19:1)
 - 3. Good Name (Prov. 22:1)
 - 4. Kindness & Honesty (Prov. 19:22 cf. 18:23)
 - 5. A Loving & Peaceful Home (Prov. 15:17; 17:1 cf. 15:27)
 - C. What Wealth / Money Cannot Buy
 - 1. Salvation (Prov. 11:4, 6, 28; 28:11; 30:7-9)
 - 2. Security (Prov. 18:11; 23:4-5)
 - 3. Soul-mates (Prov. 19:4, 6-7; 18:22; 19:14)
 - 4. Sense (wisdom) (Prov. 17:16; 23:23)
 - D. What Wealth / Money Can Do
 - 1. Provide “some” Temporal Security (Prov. 10:15; 31:21)
 - 2. Provide an Inheritance (Prov. 13:22)
 - 3. Meet the needs of others less fortunate (Prov. 31:18-20)

II. Acquisition of Wealth

- A. How NOT to Acquire Wealth (1:10-19; 11:16, 18; 13:11; 21:5-6, 16; 22:7; 28:6, 8, 20)

- B. How TO Acquire Wealth (6:6-8; 10:4, 22; 11:24-26; 13:11, 21-22; 14:23; 21:5, 17; 28:22; 31:16)

III. Allocation of Wealth

Discussion Questions:

1. What were the three most important things you learned from last week's study on our ATTITUDE toward wealth? What attitudes changed (or were reinforced) in your life as a result of that study?
2. Is it always wrong to have wealth? Is it always wrong to desire wealth? What would make these wrong or right?
3. What impact will laziness have on your ability to gain wealth? Share an illustration of laziness in your life and how it hurt you financially. What practical steps have you taken to overcome laziness in your life? What difference has it made for you financially?
4. Read Prov. 1:10-19. What are some modern examples of what Solomon is warning against? What is the appeal (benefits) for a young person to join these groups? What consequence should be a deterrent to joining these groups?
5. Read Prov. 11:18; 13:11; 21:6; 28:6. What are some deceptive / fraudulent ways people make money in our culture? Is it worth it? Does the end justify the means? What would you do if your boss told you had to deceive your customers (for sake of profit) or you would lose your job? What principle from Eph. 5:11 applies here?
6. What is wrong with "Get-Rich-Quick" schemes? See Prov. 21:5; 28:20. What are some examples of those in our culture?
7. Is it a good idea to go into debt in order to make money? See Prov. 22:7. What problems are associated with debt?
8. Prov. 10:22 speaks of God's blessing making us "rich" without "sorrow" added to it. What are some of the sorrows that come when we acquire wealth in ungodly ways (Prov. 13:11; 15:6; 16:19; 21:6; 28:6)?
9. Read Prov. 11:24-26. What principles can you find and apply? Compare Lk. 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-11; Phil. 4:10-20.
10. Read Prov. 10:4; 20:13; 21:5; 28:19. What does the word "diligence" mean? Why is diligence important in acquiring wealth? How do diligence and long-range planning (see Prov. 6:6-8; 31:16) have an impact on the accumulation of wealth? What practical implication does this have for your savings & investment strategies?
11. What is a critical component to acquiring wealth according to Prov. 13:11 and 14:23?
12. What do you need to do differently as a result of this study? How will you begin to acquire wealth in a wise, righteous way with God's full blessing and no sorrow added to it?