

Lesson 6 and 7. The Minister and His Money

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Foundational Truths

- Looking through the lens of proverbs the chief goal is wisdom, not money. Generally speaking, though, if wisdom is applied, the child of God will have enough to sustain life, and some left over for extra pursuits. Pro 10:22 and 8:21
- The real problem is not _____ but _____ . 1 Tim 6:10 and 1 Tim 5:8
- The Problem as seen with Israel's leaders in Micah 3:11
 - I. The Lessons of wealth as seen in Deut 8:1-14
 - a. He _____ them that he might teach them that man doth not live by bread alone....
 - b. The Word of God is _____ !
 - c. God gave them good things and instructed them to be thankful for them
 - d. Beware of _____ and not keeping his commandments
 - e. Be careful when you have houses and herds and flocks that you don't forget God
 - f. God Gives _____ therefore wealth in and of itself is not a bad thing
 - II. Wealth: How you Get it
 - a. Make sure the getting of it is _____
 - b. _____
 - i. Pro 28:19
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.
 - c. _____ with people (Deut 25:13-15)
 - i. Pro 20:10
 - ii. Pro 21:6

- iii. Proverbs 22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, And he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.
- iv. Don't take advantage of the ignorant as seen in Pro 20:14
- v. Proverbs 20:14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
- vi. Don't hoard up in an effort to drive up the price as seen in Pro 11:26
- vii. Proverbs 11:26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
- viii. Proverbs 28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, He shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

d. _____

- i. Pro 10:4-5
- ii. Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: But he that gathereth by labour shall increase.
- iii. Proverbs 27:23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, And look well to thy herds. (24)For riches are not for ever: And doth the crown endure to every generation?

III. How you guard against its evils

a. Be _____ with what you have (1 Tim 6:8)

b. Be _____

- i. Pro 24:27
- ii. Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. (21) To have respect of persons is not good: For for a piece of bread that man will transgress. (22) He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, And considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
- iii. 1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

- iv. Proverbs 11:28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: But the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- v. Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

IV. How you manage it

a. Live within your _____ (Pro 21:20)

b. _____

- i. Unwise if you don't.
- ii. Lack of Self Control (Pro 21:5)
- iii. Lack of Discipline and faith

c. Limit your _____

- i. Pro 22:7
- ii. Matthew 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
- iii. Psalm 37:21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: But the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
- iv. Pay your debts
- v. Proverbs 22:26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, Or of them that are sureties for debts. (27) If thou hast nothing to pay, Why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

d. Is Debt ever allowed?

- i. _____
- ii. _____

e. Contingencies for emergencies (Pro 6:6-11)

V. How you spend it

a. Pro 21:17

- b. Proverbs 20:21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
- c. If you don't get it the right way, you won't be able to spend it the right way.

VI. How you _____ it

- a. Pro 3:27-28
- b. Pro 19:17
- c. Proverbs 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
- d. Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; And that which he hath given will he pay him again.
- e. Proverbs 28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
- f. 2 Corinthians 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; (11) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

VII. Church or Ministry Financial Practices

- a. Seek God for Key Leaders (Joseph)
- b. Separation of _____
- c. Giving records
- d. Set Budgets and then evaluate the actual against the budget
- e. Create a Financial plan
- f. Audit
- g. Pay Bills on Time
- h. Maintain _____ with those in financial institutions
- i. Ensure funds are spent as designated
- j. Three-fold financial chord