

Proverbs – Money – Dig Deeper

1. Are you comfortable with the idea that the Bible does not object to Christians having wealth? If not, why not? How do the following verses challenge this perspective:
 - Job 42:12-17
 - Proverbs 13:22
 - 1 Timothy 6:10
2. Choose 1 or 2 of the practical principles discussed on Sunday. What does the Bible say about these? Here are the principles and passages discussed:
 - Hard work leads to money, and laziness leads to poverty
 - Proverbs 6:6-8; Proverbs 10:4-5
 - The wise man saves
 - Proverbs 21:20; Proverbs 13:22
 - Avoid debt
 - Proverbs 6:1-5; Proverbs 22:7
 - Counsel leads to success
 - Proverbs 24:6; Proverbs 13:18
 - Be generous
 - Proverbs 22:9; 1 Timothy 5; Acts 6; Proverbs 15:27
 - Following God's commandments leads to wealth
 - Proverbs 6:23
3. Are there any areas where you would like to more closely follow this wisdom? What practical steps can you take to do that?
4. How do we have a different perspective on this wisdom as Christians? How can this help us in making a change?

Bonus questions

1. Money is important, but Proverbs says several things are more important than money. Explore some of these:
 - Wisdom
 - Proverbs 3:13-15; Proverbs 8:10; Proverbs 16:16
 - Humility
 - Proverbs 16:19
 - Reputation
 - Proverbs 22:1
 - Righteousness
 - Proverbs 11:4; Proverbs 16:8
2. What does Proverbs say about wealth and security? Have a look at the following verses and consider how they complement each other.
 - Proverbs 10:15
 - Proverbs 13:8
 - Proverbs 18:11