

PROVERBS ON PROSPERITY

The Book of Proverbs

Introduction

1 Timothy 6:9, Proverbs 15:27, Proverbs 27:20, Proverbs 23:4, Proverbs 22:2

I. Proverbs About How We Gain Money

A. Prosperity Comes From the Hand of God – Proverbs 10:22

B. Prosperity Comes From Honesty and Integrity – Proverbs 22:1

C. Prosperity Comes From Hard Work and Diligence – Proverbs 13:11

II. Proverbs About How We Govern Money – Proverbs 11:28

III. Proverbs About How We Give Money Away

A. The Purpose of Giving

1. To Honor the Lord – Proverbs 3:9

2. To Help Others – Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 11:24, Proverbs 13:7, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, Philippians 4:19

Conclusion

Proverbs 30:7-9

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Getting Started

1. What images come to mind when you hear the word “greed?”

2. Fill in the blank:

Most days I don't feel like I have enough _____.

I often feel like I am not _____ enough.

Going Deeper

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:9. What does this passage tell us will happen if we allow greed to control our lives?

2. Read Proverbs 22:2 and Proverbs 10:22. Where do these verses say our wealth and prosperity come from?

3. Read Proverbs 22:1. The word “integrity” means living your life in a way that follows biblical values when others aren’t around. What’s the difference between “having a good name” and being *incorruptible*?

4. Read Proverbs 11:28. What does this verse tell us will happen if we trust in our money more than we trust in God?

5. The guiding principle of stewardship is that *we must give away what we have in order to keep it*. What do Proverbs 11:24 and 13:7 tell us will happen when we give as opposed to withholding?

Applying the Message

1. Scripture tells us that when we give, we are not giving what is ours, but returning what is God's. How does this concept change your approach to giving? What kind of blessings have you seen come from giving?

2. What simple change can you make this week to become more closely aligned with the wisdom from this lesson? How might you go about making this change?