

SUMMER 2025

# PROVERBS

FINDING WISDOM IN CHRIST



CENTER CITY CHURCH

# Proverbs 30

8 ... give me neither poverty nor riches;  
feed me with the food that is needful for  
me, 9 lest I be full and deny you and  
say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be  
poor and steal and profane the name of  
my God.

# Proverbs and Money

1 **Good** Money

2 **Bad** Money

3 **Restored** Money

# Proverbs 3

**19** The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; **20** by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

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**1 Good Money**

# Proverbs 10

**22** The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

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**1 Good Money**

God didn't give creation to the first humans to own, but to **steward**.

To **steward** means to manage or look after **someone else's property**.

## **The wise steward believes:**

- wisdom is more important than wealth  
(Proverbs 3:13)
- a good reputation is more important than wealth (Proverbs 22:1-2)
- humility is essential for a rich life  
(Proverbs 22:4)
- pursuing justice for the oppressed is essential for a rich life (Proverbs 29:7)

## **The wise steward:**

- works hard (Proverbs 12:11, 12:27, 13:4)
- patiently plans (Proverbs 13:11, 21:5-6)
- blesses future generations (Proverbs 13:22-23)
- is generous to God's work and to the needy (Proverbs 3:9-10, 19:17)

**God created wealth and money as  
a good thing for us to steward for  
His glory and the good of others.**

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**2 Bad Money**

## **Foolish owners are prone to:**

- Dishonesty (Proverbs 21:6)
- Injustice (Proverbs 22:16, 22:22)
- Burnout (Proverbs 23:4)
- Being Stingy (Proverbs 11:24)
- Pride (Proverbs 18:11-12)
- Overconsumption (Proverbs 21:17)
- Laziness (Proverbs 21:26, 13:4)
- Hopelessness (Proverbs 11:4, 11:7)
- Comparison & Coveting (Proverbs 11:11-12)
- Impatience (Proverbs 21:5)

The one who is trying to **own**  
wealth actually **loses** it.

The one who simply **stewards**  
wealth, **gains** it.

## Ditch 1

**We treat  
money like  
it's the  
problem**

## Ditch 2

**We treat  
money like  
it's the  
solution**

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# Proverbs 25

**21** If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

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**2 Bad Money**

**All of Jesus time, talent, and  
earthly treasure was stewarded  
for the glory of God and the good  
of others.**

## **2 Corinthians 8**

**9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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**3 Restored Money**

# Romans 8

**32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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**3 Restored Money**

- 1. Consider the grace of Jesus**
- 2. Consecrate everything  
you own to Jesus**
- 3. Commit to give a first  
portion to Jesus**