

# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Money Matters

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### How do we handle money in a way that honours God & leads to human flourishing?

#### 1) Put God first.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT) "Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. <sup>10</sup> Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine."

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV) "But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

#### So what step is God prompting you to take to put Him first through giving?

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#### 2) Perfect generosity.

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT) "Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. <sup>25</sup> The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

1 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT) "Since you excel in so many ways - in your faith - your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us - I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving."

#### 3) Provide for the poor.

Proverbs 22:9 (NLT) "Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor."

Proverbs 19:17 (NLT) "If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!"

Proverbs 21:13 (NLT) "Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need."

#### How will you help provide for the poor today?

#### 4) Prepare for the future.

Proverbs 21:20 (NLT) "The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get."

Proverbs 13:11 (NLT) "Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time."

Proverbs 13:11(NIV) "Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow."

#### 5) Practice self-control by living within your means.

Proverbs 22:7 (NLT) "Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender."

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#### 6) Protect your financial integrity.

Proverbs 28:6 (NLT) "Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich."

#### What motivates us to live like this? It's the generous grace of Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:32-35 (NLT) And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself. <sup>33</sup> I have never coveted anyone's silver or gold or fine clothes. <sup>34</sup> You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

- **To the degree that you understand the Gospel you will live a radically generous life.**

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT) "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

**Big Idea: Honour God with your wealth by reflecting the radical generosity of Jesus.**



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- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about giving generously? How is this connected to Jesus Christ?
- 5) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through his message? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What steps will you take to handle money in a way that honours God. What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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