

GET WISDOM

A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Discussion Questions 7/30/23

The Wisdom of Generosity

Intro: Why does the church care so much about money? Actually, it may be better to ask why God cares so much about money. Jesus talks a tremendous amount about money. The Proverbs even encourage how we should be wise with our money. The goal is to use finances as a tool to share the blessings of God, but to simultaneously ensure that we do not allow finances to become a master over us.

Story: Was there ever a point in life when you were in financial need and someone came through and provided for you? Share what you felt when generosity was shared with you and if that has made any difference in your own desire to be generous.

Read: Proverbs 11:24-26

1. Why is generosity so important to God?
2. One of the important truths that the Bible teaches when talking about money is that of stewardship. The truth is that God owns everything. Your money is not your own. It is God's. The same can be said for your time and your talents. What does this change in your thinking about generosity when you consider the fact that anything you give away never actually belonged to you in the first place?
3. Read Matthew 15:1-9. This passage talks about people who would use generosity to the church to ensure they didn't actually have to sacrifice to love those around them. Is there a way you can be generous to the church AND to your community at the same time?
4. Read Mark 12:41-44. Discuss and explain the concept of generosity in this passage with your group.
5. In Genesis 12 God promises to bless Abraham, but he says that he is blessing Abraham so that all the nations may be blessed through him. If God wants to see your entire community blessed, how can you be a practical part of that?

Pray for:

- Wisdom.
- God to show you opportunities for generosity.
- Forgiveness for any greed in your heart.