

**Pro Tips for Money**  
**Pro Tips Message Series Week 6**  
**Proverbs**

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**How to be wise with money:**

**1. Give your first fruits to the Lord.** (Proverbs 3:9-10)

“What is tithing? A tithe is the first item in a Christian’s monthly budget, the first check we write, 10 percent of our gross income. And that first check goes to the cause of Christ. How could it be otherwise? *Something* comes first in our budgets. Do we really want to say to our Lord, ‘I’ll fit you in, if I can.’?”

Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., *Proverbs: Wisdom That Works*,  
Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, p. 174.

**2. Be generous.** (Proverbs 3:27-28, 11:24-26, 22:9;  
2 Corinthians 9:11)

**3. Avoid debt.** (Proverbs 6:1-5, 21:17)

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- 4. Avoid poverty by hard work and saving.** (Proverbs 6:6-11, 10:4, 13:11)

“But *how* does God bless us? How does God actually put his money into our pockets? Through the dignity of our own hard work.”

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Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, p. 175.

- 5. Remember, honoring God and loving your family is worth more than wealth.** (Proverbs 15:16-17)
- 6. Don't blow money on pleasure.** (Proverbs 21:17)
- 7. Don't trust in your wealth.** (Proverbs 11:28, 18:11, 23:4-5)
- 8. Don't be stingy or cheap.** (Proverbs 23:6-8, 28:22)
- 9. Look to avoid the temptations of both poverty and wealth.** (Proverbs 30:7-9)
- 10. Don't be eager to get rich.** (Proverbs 28:20, 1 Timothy 6:6-10)