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Money: Generosity and Greed

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Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Philemon 3:9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 6:19-20

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

Four Pillars of Giving

- **God owns all things (Psalm 24:1-2; Psalm 50:10-12)**
- **All things are a gift from Him (Romans 11:35-36; James 1:17)**
- **All things are to be used for Him (Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:16)**
- **Giving is an act of worship (Proverbs 3:9; Philemon 4:17-18)**

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 10:3a

The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry....

Psalm 37:25-26

I have been young, and now am old,

yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken

or his children begging for bread.

He is ever lending generously,

and his children become a blessing.

WEALTH CAN PROVIDE A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

Proverbs 10:15-16

A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin. The wage of the righteous leads to life, the gain of the wicked to sin.

Proverbs 18:11

A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.

Proverbs 11:28

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

Proverbs 11:4

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Hebrews 4:13

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

RUNNING AFTER MONEY WILL RUN YOU INTO THE GROUND.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Proverbs 23:4

Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist.

Proverbs 28:25

A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.

Proverbs 1:19

Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

Proverbs 10:2

Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 15:27

Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live.

Proverbs 21:6

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.

Proverbs 13:11

Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

GOD BLESSES GENEROSITY.

Proverbs 11:24-26

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

Proverbs 22:16

Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

Proverbs 28:27a

Whoever gives to the poor will not want....

Proverbs 19:6

Many seek the favor of a generous man, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

Proverbs 30:7-9

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, 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.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 9

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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.