



Foolishness is **carelessness** with what is important.

A wise person is careful to keep away from trouble. But a fool is careless and he thinks that he is always right. Proverbs 14:16

Wisdom tells us to honor God with all that **we've been given**.

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

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give! Proverbs 21:26

Our mindset and management of money is an important diagnostic test of our **spiritual health**.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. Proverbs 11:24-25 (Msg)

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:24

- Wise people are **generous** people.

Four warnings that keep us from generosity:

- A lack of **contentment**.

Those who love pleasure become poor; those who love wine and luxury will never be rich. Proverbs 21:17
Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. Ecclesiastes 5:10

- **Impulsive** buying.

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. Proverbs 21:5

- **Pretending**.

One person pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. Proverbs 13:7

Better to be ordinary and work for a living than act important and starve in the process. Proverbs 12:9

- **Co-Signing**.

Only a stupid person promises to pay someone else's debts, even if he is a friend or a neighbor. Proverbs 17:18

There's danger in putting up security for a stranger's debt; it's safer not to guarantee another person's debt. Proverbs 11:15

Four Steps to be generous:

- Start **honoring God** with your wealth.

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. 10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Give to Him first and your best. Malachi 3:10

30 "One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy. Leviticus 27:30

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23

- Start **saving** some for a **rainy day**.

Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter. Proverbs 6:6-8

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

- Choose to live **below** your **means**.

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- Share with those in **need**.

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Proverbs 14:31

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9
Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Ecclesiastes 11:1



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Where do you see "carelessness with what is important" showing up most in your life right now?
- In what ways does your current money management reflect trust in God—or trust in yourself?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"?
- Which of the four warnings—contentment, impulse buying, pretending, or co-signing—do you most relate to, and why?
- How has comparison or discontentment affected your ability to be generous in the past?
- What does "living below your means" look like in your current season of life?
- Why do you think Scripture connects honoring God with your finances to spiritual growth and obedience?
- What are some practical ways you can start (or restart) honoring God first with your wealth this month?
- Who is someone in your life or community that God may be calling you to share with or help right now beyond your church giving?
- If your financial life is a "diagnostic test" of your spiritual health, what is it currently revealing—and what might God be inviting you to change?

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