

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - The Way of Wisdom

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Wealth...

- It's Value
- It's Limitation
- It's Danger
- It's Management

Warm-up:

1. What are your views on wealth? To what extent should a believer pursue wealth?
2. How can wealth be used to further the Kingdom?

Key Idea - The Value of Wealth.

Read Proverbs 30:9, 14:20-21, 18:23, 22:7, 12:9, 11:23-28

1. What example of parallelism do you see in these passages?
2. What warnings do you see for too much wealth?
3. What warnings do you see for too little wealth?
4. What are we tough concerning taking care of the poor? Borrowing money? Being generous?
5. For each passage, what do you think is the key take away?
6. Did you disagree with anything you read? Elaborate.
7. How can you begin to apply these principles in your life?

Key Idea - The Limitation of Wealth.

Read Proverbs 3:13-18

1. What examples of parallelism do you see in this passages?
2. How is wisdom viewed in relationship to material wealth? Which, wisdom or wealth, should we pursue?
3. What can wisdom provide that wealth cannot? Hint - verses 17,18
4. Are there any examples of comparison and contrast in the passage? What are they?
5. Based on this passage, what should we be pursuing? Why?
6. Are there any areas in your life that do not line up with God's teaching in this passage? What has God been saying to you during this time?

Key Idea - The Danger of Wealth.

Read Proverbs 10:15, 18:10-11, 28:11, 30:7-9,

1. What examples of parallelism do you see in this passages?
2. How is wealth depicted in the Chapter 10, and 18 passages? Where should we find protection?
3. What is the implied warning in 28:11?
4. What are your thoughts on the writer's petition in the Chapter 30 passage? Do you agree with his desires? As believers, should these be part of our requests to God?
5. Has anything been stirring in you during these passages? How can we apply them to our lives?

Key Idea - The Management of Wealth.

Read Proverbs 3:9-10, 11:23-28,10:4-5, 21:17, 13:11, 24:27

1. What examples of parallelism do you see in this passages?
2. What does the Chapter 3 passage teach about honoring God? How has this passage been misused? Do you agree with this passage?
3. What can we learn about generosity? What are the benefits of giving? Why should we give?
4. What can we learn about hard work? How are the diligent and the lazy compared and contrasted?
5. What do we see about contentment? About saving? How do we maintain these disciplines in today's culture?
6. Has anything been stirring in you during these passages? How can we apply them to our lives?

Apply: In this section, our goal is to determine how to integrate what you've studied into your life.

1. Based on these passages, what changes do you feel you need to make in your life?
2. What are some practical steps you can take to use wealth, or pursue wealth, wisely?
3. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
4. How can this group pray for you?