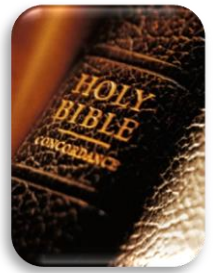




Financial Principles from the Book of Proverbs
Outline for Wednesday Night Bible Study – June 11th, 2008
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1. Ill-gotten gain is not good gain.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

(Proverbs 1:10-19)

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

(Exodus 20:17)

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

(Proverbs 10:2)

2. Wealth is not as important as character and wisdom.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

(Proverbs 3:13-15)

3. Stewardship is the key principle for true prosperity.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

(Proverbs 3:9-10)

4. Avoid putting yourself at risk by standing good for somebody else's debt.

My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

(Proverbs 6:1-5)

5. God is for private ownership of property and looks unfavorably upon those who steal.

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

(Proverbs 6:30-31)

6. It is OK to pursue material things.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

(Proverbs 10:4-5)

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

(Psalms 24:1)

7. Honesty in business is encouraged and blessed.

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

(Proverbs 11:1)

8. An honest day's work merits a full day's pay; a full day's pay merits an honest day's work.

He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

(Proverbs 12:11)

A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

(Proverbs 12:14)

9. Don't measure your life by your bank account's contents or lack thereof. The things that are most valuable in life cannot be bought.

There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches. The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

(Proverbs 13:7-8)

10. Don't keep making the same dumb mistakes over and over. Discipline yourself.

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

(Proverbs 13:18)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

(Philippians 4:13)

11. Cheating to win makes the "winning feeling" go away.

Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

(Proverbs 20:17)

12. God is the God of the rich and the poor.

The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

(Proverbs 22:2)

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

(Proverbs 22:4)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

(James 1:17)