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Proverbs 10:22(ESV)

The blessing of the LORD makes rich,
and he adds no sorrow with it .

Proverbs 11:1

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

Proverbs 28:11

A rich man is wise in his own eyes,
but a poor man who has understanding will find
him out.

Proverbs 10:15

A rich man's wealth is his strong city;
the poverty of the poor is their ruin.

Proverbs 11:18

The wicked earns deceptive wages,
but one who sows righteousness gets a sure
reward.

Luke 16:13

No servant can serve two masters, for either he
will hate the one and love the other, or he will be
devoted to the one and despise the other. You
cannot serve God and money.

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Gift of Wealth

Proverbs 10:22

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...” James 1:17

“For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills...” Psalm 50:10–11

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein...” Psalm 24:1

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” Genesis 1:26

“If you deny the money manager role God has given you and you think of yourself as just an owner of everything you have, if you basically use it for yourself except for some very small amount you give to charity, do you know what you’re doing? You’re unraveling God’s creation. You are plundering it. You are pillaging it. You are leading to the disintegration of it, and you’re defrauding your investor. That’s a great cosmic evil. Isn’t that something? That’s not just stinginess.” —Tim Keller

2. The Dangers of Wealth

a) Money can make us dishonest

Proverbs 11:1

b) Wealth can make us proud

Proverbs 28:11

c) Wealth can become your identity

Proverbs 10:15

“A rich man’s wealth is his strong city,
and like a high wall in his imagination.” Proverbs 18:11

“Let me just remind you of something. We’re all on a little ball of rock called Earth, and we’re spinning along through space at zillions of miles an hour. Even if we don’t run into anything, eventually, we’re all going to die. That means under every single one of us, a trap door is going to open, and we’re all going to fall off the ball of rock. Underneath will either be the everlasting arms of God or absolutely nothing.” —*Dr. Leitch*

3. The True Blessing of Wealth

a) The truth about money

Proverbs 11:18

b) The true blessing of sharing wealth

“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

Luke 16:13

“When we surrender every area of our lives—including our finances—to God, then we are free to trust Him to meet our needs. But if we would rather hold tightly to those things that we possess, then we find ourselves in bondage to those very things.” —Larry Burkett

“We must invest more in eternity than we do in tomorrow. How? By investing more in people than in things, by investing more in the soul than in the body. Christ clearly states that there are some things that last, and some that don’t.” —Randall Roberts

How Do We Become Responsible Stewards? We participate by using our God-given:

1. Time
2. Gifts and Talents
3. Money (tithe and give to others in need)
4. Homes and Possessions
5. Relationships (invest in relationships for the sake of the gospel)
6. Get Creative (start something or support a ministry)
7. Pray (see what God leads you to do)
8. Our entire lives

“³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.” Acts 4:34–35

1. How can you be faithful with what God has given you? What is one thing that God is calling you to do?
2. What are you chasing in this life? God or money?