



Does not wisdom call out?  
-Proverbs 8:1

## Proverbs: Part 8

### Wisdom and Wealth

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." Proverbs 11:24

"Money is the currency of human resources. So, the heart that loves money is a heart that pins its hopes, and pursues its pleasures, and puts its trust in what human resources can offer. So, the love of money is virtually the same as faith in money — belief (trust, confidence, assurance) that money will meet your needs and make you happy."

John Piper

**God doesn't need your money, He wants your heart. In order to give God your heart, you've got to detach it from your money and give generously.**

(See Matthew 6:24)

Jesus talked about money more than he talked about Heaven and Hell. 11 of the 39 parables in the Gospels are related to money. The only thing Jesus talked about more than money was the Kingdom of God.

"Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income."

Ecclesiastes 5:10

There are plenty of materially rich people in the Bible. Abraham, King David, Solomon, Job. Of all of them, Solomon was the wealthiest and his wealth was not his downfall.

Wealth itself is not the problem. It's what wealth does to our hearts that becomes the problem.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

1 Tim 6:10

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15

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**"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48**

"Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God."

Proverbs 30:7-9

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:32-34

### Parable of the rich man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31

#### Notes:

#### Questions to consider:

1. Do you consider yourself rich? Why or why not?
2. Do you believe money can give you security? Significance? Why or why not?
3. In what ways have you been blessed by the generosity of others?
4. In what ways can you be generous with your time, resources, money or gifts this week?

#### Resources to consider:

Bible Project - "Generosity" <https://bibleproject.com/explore/generosity/>  
"Justice" <https://bibleproject.com/explore/justice/>

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