

# WISDOM THAT WORKS

## PROVERBS #15

### Wisdom with Finances

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**Pro. 1:7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Pro. 4:7** Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding

- *Wisdom* is the ability to apply God's truth to life.
- **Proverbs speaks of 3 types of People**
  - **The Wise**- one who learns God's Word and applies it to his life
  - **The Fool**- one who ignores and defies God's word.
  - **The Simple**- one who doesn't know or understand God's word.

**Matt. 6:24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

- **Solomon is asking us three questions about our money in the book of Proverbs.**
  - Why do we want it?

- How do we get it?
- How do we use it?

## **1. An excessive \_\_\_\_\_ for wealth or possessions can lead us to a lawless style of life.**

**Pro 1:19** So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

**Prov. 15:27** He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live

**1 Tim. 6:10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows

- Is it a problem in your life? There is one sure way to find out. Just ask yourself this one question.
  - **Are you a \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Matt. 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

## **2. See your \_\_\_\_\_ as tools by which you can bring honor and glory to God.**

**Pro 3:9** Honour the LORD with thy substance . . .

## **3. Honoring God with our \_\_\_\_\_ starts with giving God His portion first.**

**Pro 3:9** . . . and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

- *“God demands first place in everything. The firstfruits belong to him. The tithe belongs to him. A set and predetermined percentage of all our income belongs to*

*him. We can never expect him to bless our financial affairs if we leave him to the last or leave him out altogether.”*  
-John Phillips

#### **4. Honoring God \_\_\_\_\_ brings tangible blessings.**

**Pro. 3:10** So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

#### **5. God will \_\_\_\_\_ for those who seek to live for God and serve Him.**

**Pro 10:3** The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

**Matt. 6:19-20** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

**Psa. 73:1-3** Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. 3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

**Psa. 73:16-17** When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

**Psal. 73:21-28** Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. 22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee. 23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. 27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. 28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

