

“The Art of Skillful Living – Week 6”

Proverbs 3:9-10; 6:1-5; 10:4-5 (and more)

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Honoring God with your everything means avoiding money traps and being wise with your resources.

- 1) HONOR GOD WITH EVERYTHING (vs. 3:9-10)

- 2) MONEY TRAPS
 - a) LAZINESS (v. 10:4)
 - b) PROMISES YOU CAN'T PAY (vs. 6:1-5; 22:7, 26-27; 28:8)
 - c) EASY MONEY (vs. 11:18; 10:2; 13:11; 12:2; 20:10)
 - d) HASTE (vs. 21:5; 20:21)
 - e) OPPRESSION (v. 22:16)
 - f) TRUSTING IN RICHES (vs. 11:28; 28:25)

- 3) BE WISE WITH MONEY
 - a) WORK HARD (vs. 10:4-5)
 - b) PLAN FOR THE FUTURE (vs. 23:4-5; 13:22)
 - c) BE GENEROUS (vs. 11:25; 22:9; 19:17; 28:22)
 - d) BE KIND TO THE NEEDY (v. 14:31)
 - e) BE RICH IN REPUTATION (vs. 22:1)
 - f) BE CONTENT (v. 30:8)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 3:27-30; 12:15-23

Discussion Questions

- ICEBREAKER: What is the wisest or most foolish thing you've done with your money?
- 1) Proverbs 3:9-10 lays down an important principle of first fruits, how do you understand it?
 - 2) What is the danger of being lazy with your money and resources?
 - 3) What connections do you see with laziness and Proverbs 6:1-5?
 - 4) According to Proverbs 6:1-5, what is the danger of entering into a financial commitment (loan, insuring or vouching) for another?
 - 5) What are some examples of ill-gotten gains?
 - 6) Why is it dangerous to pursue such easy money?
 - 7) Read Proverbs 11:28 and 28:25. Discuss the results of trusting in money.
 - 8) How would you describe your work ethic?
 - 9) How have you planned for your future like Proverbs 23:4-5 and 13:22?
 - 10) What are the benefits of being generous according to Proverbs 11:25; 22:9; 19:17; and 28:22?
 - 11) What is most challenging about seeking contentment in regard to money?
 - 12) How can you combat discontent?
 - 13) How can we pray for you this week?