

What are the basic principles taught in these verses?

How can you apply these to your life today?

Look back over your notes from last weekend. Ask yourself: Am I seeking God's wisdom in my attitude toward wealth? Am I sharing what I have?

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom about work found in Proverbs, as well as the proverbs you read today!*

## Saturday

Thank you for sticking with your plan to read through the book of Proverbs! Polish up the memory verse at the top of the page, and finish any daily meditations you may have missed.

*Please pray for the Lord to work His church here at TLC and all over the county and the world, and thank God for the blessings He pours out on us! Pray that we as leaders may be wise and holy.*



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PART 10

## Handling Money Wisely

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### 1. The Power of Money

- Money has power to \_\_\_\_\_

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. *Proverbs 10:4*

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth... *Proverbs 10:22*

- Money has power to \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord **abhors** dishonest scales but accurate weights are his delight.  
*Proverbs 11:1*

- Money has the power to \_\_\_\_\_

People curse **the man who hoards grain** but they pray God's blessing on the one who is willing to sell. *Proverbs 11:26*

The wages of the righteous bring life; but the income of the wicked brings them sin and death. *Proverbs 10:16*

- Money has the power to \_\_\_\_\_

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath. *Proverbs 11:4*

- Money has the power to \_\_\_\_\_

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 the Lord my God.  
*Proverbs 30:8-9*

Poverty pursues the sinner; prosperity pursues the righteous.  
*Proverbs 13:21*

A poor man's field produces abundant food, but then injustice sweeps it away. *Proverbs 13:23*

## 2. The Reasons for the Power of Money

The **wealth of the rich is their fortified city** but poverty is the ruin of the poor. *Proverbs 10:15*

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.

**The wealth of the rich is their fortified city**; They imagine it an unscalable wall. *Proverbs 18:10–11*

Wealth can be seen as a source of:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. How to Break (and use) the Power of Money

- Assume I'm in \_\_\_\_\_
- Grasp the “\_\_\_\_\_” principle

**There is one who scatters yet increases more**; there is one who withholds more than what is right, and it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich. . . *Proverbs 11:24–25a* (See Psalm 112)

Remember, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. . . God is a cheerful giver. . . Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! *2 Corinthians 9:6,7,15*

# Daily Meditations

During this series, we will read through the entire book of Proverbs in our daily meditation time! These devotions will be simple — just a chance for you to discover Proverbs relevant to your life!

## Monday

Read Proverbs 25:1–10. From here to the end of chapter 29, the Book of Proverbs contains sayings written by Solomon but discovered 200 years later by aides of King Hezekiah. The first ten verses are about government.

Verse two gives us insight into the motivations of Solomon. The Bible tells us he not only wrote these proverbs, but also was an excellent amateur scientist (see 1 Kings 4:32–34). He apparently saw his purpose in life as “searching out” that which God had hidden. If you enjoy science, this could be a great life verse for you, too!

What are some of the principles of these verses about kings and courts that you can transfer to our society?

What is your favorite verse in this section? How can you apply it?

*Ask God to help you see how you can apply the wisdom you read — and then ask him to help you apply it today!*

## Tuesday

Read Proverbs 25:11–28. The most common theme in this section: Words and their consequences. But there are other subjects covered here, too: Attitude, self-control, etc. Two of my favorites are the last two verses: 27 and 28. What are two of yours?

How can you apply them to your life today?

*Thank God for giving and preserving these proverbs— and ask Him to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

## Wednesday

Read Proverbs 26:1–19. The primary theme of these proverbs: The foolish person. In verses 1–12, Solomon talks about what a fool is like, in order to warn us not to hire or befriend (or marry!) fools. In verses 13–19, he talks about what a sluggard (or lazy man) is like, in order to warn us not to become lazy. The fool and the sluggard are the Laurel and Hardy of Proverbs: They are the idiots of the book, the two types of bad decision-makers Solomon most often parodies. (I've often thought that young people should read Proverbs and then resolve to never marry a person who displays the characteristics of a sluggard or a fool!)

As a pastor, I've seen the truth of verses 7, 9, and 16: Foolish people misinterpret or deliberately ignore principles from Scripture, to their own injury.

What are two or three of your favorites verses in this section?

I have used verse two on occasion when a Christian is convinced they are “under a curse”: Since we are spiritually clean, having been cleansed by the blood of Christ, curses do not come to rest on us!

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read —today! Thank God that Jesus, by God's grace, has provided salvation so that we are no longer under the curse!*

## Thursday

Read Proverbs 26:17–28. These verses are about violent, destructive words. Which one or two of these verses “hits home” for you?

How can you apply these to your life today?

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

## Friday

Read Proverbs chapter 27. Which proverbs hit home for you? (I particularly like verses 1, 2, 5, and 12.) Write out your favorites.

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