

SERMON OUTLINE

'Getting it right: wise words for life'

'The Book of Proverbs'

Study - 5

Luke 12 v13 - 21

'Money, Money, Money'

Key Point - In Proverbs the writer is not just giving us financial advice, he is testing our moral and spiritual character. See - 10 v2 & Matt 6 v33.

Key Point - In Proverbs (as in the whole of the Bible) money is spoken of as being morally neutral. See - 1 Tim 6 v10. What matters is not the money in and of itself, but.....

1. MONEY - HOW WE ARE TO VIEW IT

Key Point - It's good to have money because money undoubtedly makes a difference to life. Proverbs is realistic (not hyper-spiritual) about this. See - 10 v15.

Proverbs gives us a number of warnings about money, however.....

A. IT DOESN'T ALWAYS SATISFY

See - 15 v16 - 17

B. IT CAN CAUSE YOU ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE

See - 13 v7 - 8

C. IT CAN BE LOST SO EASILY

See - 23 v4 - 5. Therefore - Matt 6 v19 - 21.

D. IT CAN GIVE US A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

See - 18 v11.

Key Question - Who are you trusting? Money will never get you into heaven. See - 11 v4.

We need to have a biblical view (attitude) to money. This will be seen in how we pray about it. See - 30 v7 - 8.

2. MONEY - HOW WE ARE TO GET IT

Remember - God owns it (Ps 50 v10) and God lends it! See - 10 v22.

Key Question - How do we acquire money? Answer - honestly!

A. WE CAN RECEIVE IT AS A GIFT

B. WE CAN EARN IT AS A WAGE

Note - What Proverbs has to say about the lazy man (the sluggard).
See - 10 v4.

Note - What Proverbs has to say about.....

(i) Avoiding debt

See - 22 v7. Note - It's alright to borrow. See - 24 v27

(ii) Avoiding get rich quick schemes

See - 28 v19

3. MONEY - HOW WE ARE TO USE IT

'Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can'

John Wesley

A. WE ARE TO SPEND WISELY

See - 21 v5

B. WE ARE TO SAVE DILIGENTLY

See - 13 v11 & 13 v22

C. WE ARE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY

See - 22 v9 & 11 v24.

Key Principle in Giving - See - 2 Cor 8 v9