

Biblical Wisdom For Building Wealth

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Proverbs 31

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Pastor Matt built this money message on two framings. First: God is the treasure, and money is the tool. Second: we are called to leverage money, not to love it and not to hate it. Scripture names the love of money as a root of all kinds of evil, but Pastor Matt pointed out that hating money gives it the same grip on you. His text was the Proverbs 31 woman, who works vigorously, buys a field, plants a vineyard, and checks whether her trading is profitable. From her example he gave ten practical steps, including this one: invest now, and grow your skill, not just your income.

To get started

- What did you learn about money growing up, and who taught it to you?

Looking back at the message

Money talk raises defences. Ask what people brought in, not what they concluded.

- 1 Pastor Matt said hating money gives it just as much power over you as loving it. How could hating something still let it control you?
- 2 Pastor Matt admitted he still loves money more than he should, and that he and his wife have to work at talking about it. What did that honesty add to the message?
- 3 Pastor Matt gave ten practical steps for building wealth. Which one stuck with you, and why that one? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Proverbs 31:16-20 aloud. It is more about work than about thrift.

- 4 Read Proverbs 31:16-18. Walk through what this woman does. What is the order of her moves?
- 5 Verse 18 says she sees that her trading is profitable. Checking implies looking. How often do you actually look at where your money goes?
- 6 Verse 20 says she opens her arms to the poor. Notice where that lands in the sequence, after the working and the earning. What does the order suggest?
- 7 Read 1 Timothy 6:10. What exactly does this verse name as a root of evil? Read it slowly, because it is often misquoted.

Bringing it home

People are at wildly different places financially. Keep comparison out of it.

- 8 Pastor Matt quoted the adage that it is better to feel poor now than to be broke later. What does putting off a purchase cost you emotionally?
- 9 Where has instant gratification had the most say in your spending?
- 10 Pastor Matt said to grow your skill, not just chase income, because skill raises what your hours are worth. If you took that seriously, what would you invest in?
- 11 What is one financial decision you have been avoiding? OPTIONAL

The group together

Money is the last thing most groups discuss honestly. Say that out loud.

- 12 Why is money the hardest thing for most Christians to talk about with each other?
- 13 What would it look like for this group to be helpful about money without being nosy?
- 14 Pastor Matt talked about being strategically generous instead of randomly generous. If this group decided together, who or what would we support?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one small step you could take this month that treats money as a tool instead of a treasure?

You might pray about

- For freedom from both loving and fearing money
- For those under real financial pressure right now
- For wisdom with what we already have
- For generosity that is planned rather than accidental