

South Salem Sunday night series...

# PROVERBS

exceptional wisdom for a successful life

“A **fool** and his **money** are soon parted.”

Money is a good servant but a bad master.  
French Proverb

*MONEY CAN'T BUY YOU HAPPINESS*




**Money talks.**



NO +  = yes

Money doesn't grow on trees

A close-up photograph of a person's eyes, looking directly at the camera. The eyes are light-colored and have long, dark eyelashes. In the foreground, there is a stack of US dollar bills, including several hundred-dollar bills, which are slightly out of focus. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

**Nowadays people know  
the price of everything and  
the value of nothing.**

Oscar Wilde  
(1854-1900)



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Managing Money Wisely

*Wealth – It is the blessing of the Lord!*

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Proverbs 10:15



PEOPLE SAY  
MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS.  
**POVERTY SURE AIN'T GOING TO  
HELP EITHER!**

## 1. Avoid Extreme Attitudes

Neither wealth or poverty are to be desired.

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## Proverbs 23:4-5

Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, cease from your consideration of it. 5 When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens

## Proverbs 30:7-9

Two things I asked of You, do not refuse me before I die:

- 8 Keep deception and lies far from me,
- **give me neither poverty nor riches;**

Feed me with the food that is my portion, 9 that I not be full and deny You and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or that I not be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God,

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**Proverbs 22:1** A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver and gold.

**Proverbs 15:7** Better is a dish of vegetables where love is than a fattened ox served with hatred.

## 2. Keep your Priorities Straight

Money isn't everything.

**Proverbs 17:1** Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it than a house full of feasting with strife.



## Proverbs 8:10-11

Take my instruction and not silver, and knowledge rather than choicest gold. For wisdom is better than jewels; and all desirable things cannot compare with her.

## Proverbs 13:21

Adversity pursues sinners,  
but the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.

## 2. Keep your Priorities Straight

Choose the better thing.



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Proverbs 19:4-7

Wealth attracts many friends,  
but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them.

Proverbs 11:6, 26

### 3. Rich But Bankrupt

Wealth w/out righteousness makes one poor.

- **Fear** of the Lord is better than wealth (15:16)
- **Righteousness** is better than great treasure (16:8)
- Better is a poor man who walks in **integrity** (28:6)
- Better is the **little** of the righteous than the abundance of many wicked. (Psalms 37:16)



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### 4. Remember the Poor

Using wealth to serve the LORD

Proverbs 14:21

He who despises his neighbor sins,  
but happy is he who is **gracious** to the poor.

Proverbs 14:31

He who oppresses the poor **taunts** his Maker,  
But he who is gracious to the needy **honors** Him.

## 4. Remember the Poor

God loves the giver.

### Proverbs 17:5

He who mocks the poor **taunts** his Maker;  
He who rejoices at calamity will not  
go unpunished.

### Proverbs 11:24-25

There is one who scatters, and yet **increases**  
all the more, and there is one who withholds  
what is justly due, and yet it results only in **want**.  
The generous man will be **prosperous**, and he  
who waters will himself be watered.

### Proverbs 22:16

He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself  
or who gives to the rich, will only come to **poverty**.



Proverbs 19:17

One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,  
and He will repay him for his good deed.

## 4. Remember the Poor

God loves the giver.

Proverbs 22:9

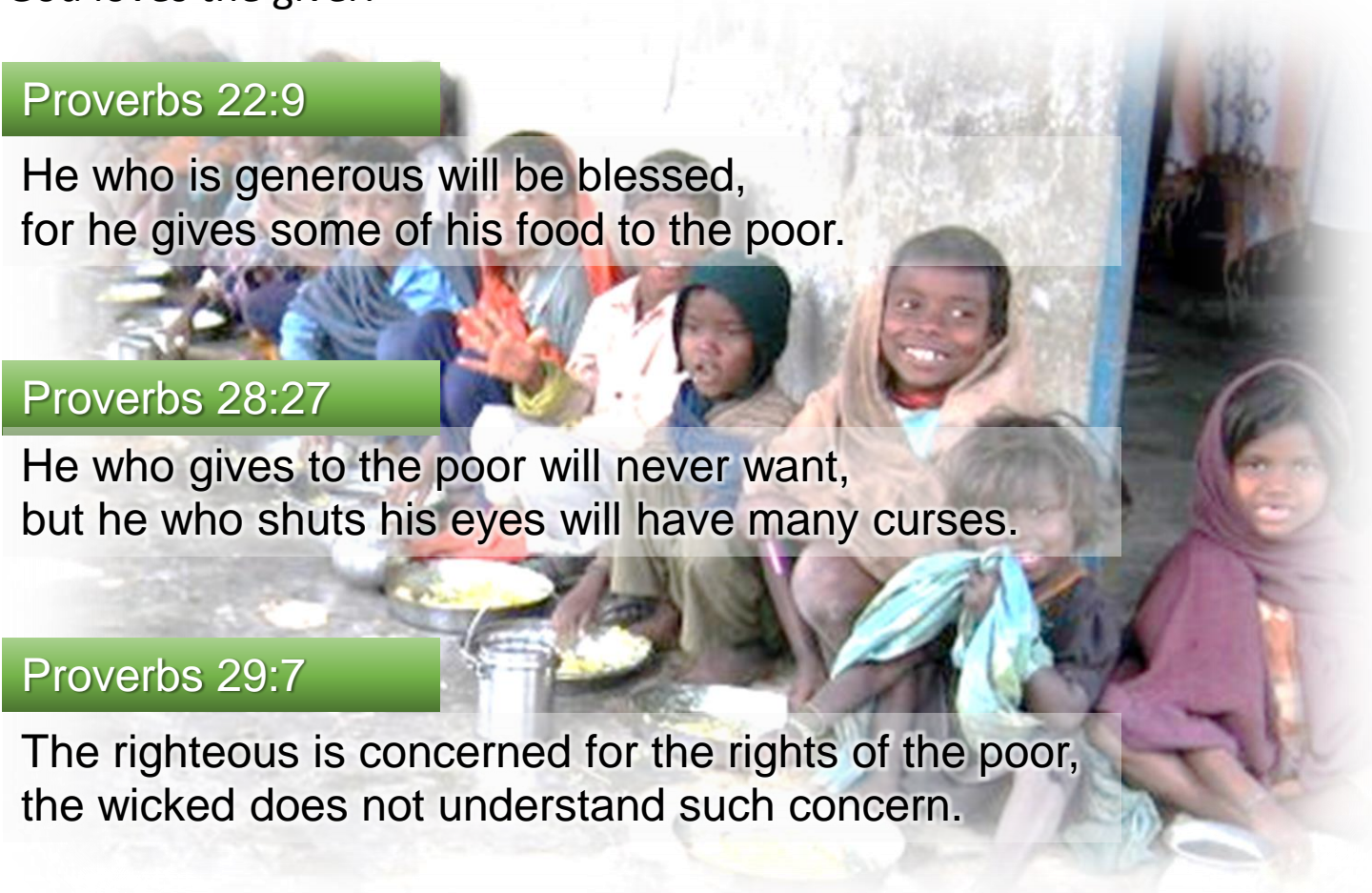
He who is generous will be blessed,  
for he gives some of his food to the poor.

Proverbs 28:27

He who gives to the poor will never want,  
but he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.

Proverbs 29:7

The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor,  
the wicked does not understand such concern.



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## 5. Self-Control

Controlling money so it doesn't master me.

**Proverbs 22:15** The plans of the **diligent** lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to **poverty**.

**Proverbs 10:4** Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, but the hand of the **diligent** makes **rich**.

## SLOW IS FAST: *There are no get rich quick schemes*



### Proverbs 13:11

Wealth *obtained* by fraud dwindles,  
But the one who gathers by labor **increases** it.

### Proverbs 28:19-20

<sup>19</sup> He who tills his land will have **plenty** of food,  
But he who follows empty *pursuits* will have  
**poverty** in plenty.

<sup>20</sup> A faithful man will **abound** with blessings,  
But he who makes **haste** to be rich will not  
go unpunished.

## 5. Self-Control

Don't be greedy or hasty!

Proverbs 10:2

Ill-gotten gains do not profit, but  
**righteousness** delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:4

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,  
but **righteousness** delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:28

He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the  
**righteous** will flourish like the green leaf.

**FINALLY:** Money never saved anybody!

A landscape photograph showing a field of tall grasses in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a large, leafy tree. The sun is setting or rising behind the tree, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some wispy clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

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**Proverbs 22:4**

The reward of humility and the fear  
of the LORD are riches, honor and life.

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