

Getting Started

- Which modern day proverb sums up your philosophy of money management?
 - A penny saved is a penny earned
 - Don't be penny wise and pound foolish
 - You can't take it with you
 - Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die
 - He who dies with the most toys wins
 - Other?
- What is one of the smartest things you've done with your money? One of the most foolish things?

Discussion

- Proverbs 11 has many verses that reference money: 1, 3, 4, 7, 15, 18, 24, 25, 28. Share one that impacted you this week and why.
- Write out Proverbs 11:28

- Explain the principle of 11:28a, "Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,"
- Based on your actions, in what ways do you sometimes find yourself trusting in your riches instead of trusting in God?
- Explain the principle of 11:28b, "but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf."
- How does Psalm 1 relate to Proverbs 11:28?

- Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and highlight principles related to money and living in a right relationship with God that reinforce the truth of Proverbs 11:28.
How does 1 Timothy 6 reinforce what Jesus taught regarding laying up treasures in heaven?

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Prayer

Identify one take away from this week's message/discussion, share it with the group and ask God for the wisdom to start, stop or do more of that behavior in the coming weeks.