June Bible Study Series: Wise Up!

(Lessons from the book of Proverbs)

Lesson Five Wisdom and Wealth (Part I)

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I. What is Better Than Wealth?

a. Honesty and Kindness are Better than Prosperity.

Proverbs 19:22

b. A Good Reputation Is Better Than Wealth.

Proverbs 22:1-2

c. Godly Character Is More Important Than Money. Proverbs 19:1

d. A Peaceful Home, Filled with Love, Is Better than a Bank Account Filled with Money. Proverbs 15:17; 17:1

e. Wisdom Is Better Than Wealth. Proverbs 8:10-11

II. WHAT MONEY CANNOT DO FOR US:

a. Money Cannot Provide Us with Security.

Proverbs 18:11

b. Money Cannot Buy Wisdom. Proverbs 17:16

c. Money Cannot Provide Us with Life's Most Precious Gift. Proverbs 19:14

d. Salvation Cannot Be Bought with Money.

Proverbs 11:28

III. WHAT MONEY WILL DO FOR YOU:

a. You Can Be Assured That Money Will Attract "Friends." Proverbs 19:4

b. Money Tends to Give the Rich A False Sense Of Security. Proverbs 18:11

c. Money Can Produce Pride, and Apathy Toward Spiritual Things. Proverbs 28:11

d. Money Can Ruin Your Relationship With God.

Matthew 6:24

IV. Instructions for the Wealthy:

1 Timothy 6:17-18, Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

1. Do Not Become Arrogant.

Deuteronomy 8:18

2. Do Not Put Your Hope in Your Wealth.

Proverbs 23:5

3. Be Rich in Good Deeds. Ephesians 2:10

4. Be Generous and Willing to Share.

Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

- 1. If money cannot buy things like security, happiness, or love, why do you think that so many people attempt to use it toward these things?
- 2. What are some of the things you have noticed about the lives of famous people who have a lot of money?
- 3. So why do some Christians have more money than other Christians?
- 4. Why do some of us still lack despite giving faithfully?
- 5. If God is a good God, then why doesn't He bless us and make us rich?
- 6. Why are some unbelievers or non-Christians more financially prosperous than Christians? Is God being unfair?