

## **Money: How to Get It and How to Keep It, Part 4**

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### **Introduction Summary**

People buy secular books on how to get money and keep it. However, the book of Proverbs is the best textbook Christians can study that teaches how to wisely handle finances. Since God has already done His part, you must do your part to acquire His blessing. Proverbs tells you your part. In this lesson, you will discover that when you act on the Word, God will be right there to help you.

**Text:** Pro. 24:3

- I. It is your attitude toward the money that determines your wealth.
  - A. Your single focus should not be to get money (Pro. 28:22; Mark 4:19).
  - B. Greed should not drive your decisions (Pro. 15:27).
  - C. Do not trust in your riches (Pro. 11:28).
  
- II. You must do your part.
  - A. You must do something to activate health (Isa. 53:5).
  - B. You must do something be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; Rom. 10:9-13).
  - C. A minister does a disservice to lead people to blame God for a problem
  - D. A minister does a disservice to listeners to say that God's blessings require nothing.
  - E. Christ has redeemed you from the curse of poverty (Gal. 3:13).
  - F. Proverbs tells you what you must do to release the blessing.
  - G. The pastor's job is to give information for comprehension, and inspiration (Jer. 3:15).
  - H. Either you were taught wrong or you understood wrong.
  
- III. Borrowing is not a sin.
  - A. The Bible is saying you can have so much that you can lend (Pro. 22:7).
  - B. If you are going to borrow, limit it to small amounts for short periods of time.
  - C. Don't borrow so much that your life is negatively impacted, if anything goes wrong.
  
- IV. A diligent person (hard worker) becomes well known (Pro. 22:29).
  - A. When studying a subject, take all the Scriptures to see what the Bible says about it.
  - B. God brings about divine connections for the diligent person.
  - C. A person that's not diligent always has an excuse for not working (Pro. 20:4).
  - D. I must do my part to get revelation from God to impart to you (Pro. 20:13).
  - E. Look at the ant; it saves its resources (Pro. 6:6). Always save a part of all your income.
  - F. Laziness causes a person to want to take what belongs to someone else (Pro. 6:9-11).

- V. Do not co-sign for others (Pro. 11:15; 22:26-27). If you co-sign,
  - A. Assume they will not pay it back.
  - B. Make sure you can pay the full debt.
  
- VI. Don't give to get (Eph. 4:28).
  - A. We teach giving with the right motive (Luke 6:35).
  - B. Give whether you receive a tax credit or not.
  
- VII. Covid 19 is not the last pandemic you will see (2 Tim. 3:1; Luke 21:26).
  - A. You should prepare so that the changes due to perilous times do not affect you.
  - B. Faith is connected to wisdom – Proverbs.
  
- VIII. God gave you seed for food (Pro. 11:24-26; Gen. 1:29).
  - A. Give to the poor and you will not lack (Pro. 19:17; Mat. 26:11).
  - B. Bad behavior will cause you to lose money (Pro. 5:1-10 [male and female]).
  - C. One can get taken by the opposite sex.
  
- IX. Employers must pay employees what is right (Pro. 22:16).
  
- X. The most important thing you can do is check with your spirit (Col. 3:12-17).
  - A. *Rule* means *arbitrate* (Col. 3:15).
  - B. The believer is called to walk by his spirit: walk in love and be thankful.
  
- XI. The Holy Ghost once told me to invest in a particular stock. I didn't do it, because it didn't seem like a good investment. As it turned out, I lost out on a lot of money. On the other hand, I have followed the Holy Ghost on some matters and made a lot of money.
  
- XII. Debt is the biggest pitfall that keeps people poor.
  - A. First, stop digging the hole of debt.
  - B. Second, decide to meditate Proverbs, then act on what you read (1 Kings 17:15).
  - C. Third, pay your lowest debt with lowest interest first. Then, pay the next lowest bill.
  - D. Be patient and disciplined.
  - E. Finally, never go into debt again.
  
- XIII. When you obey God, He will help you (James 4:8).
  - A. God wants you in position where satan can't do anything to you.
  - B. He wants you to be able to help the poor—feed them and give them the Word.

### **Closing Summary**

God wants Christians to have money, keep it, and to use it for His purposes. You can find out how in the book of Proverbs, the wisdom book, the law of God. When you do your part by studying the principles found in the Scriptures and meditating on them, you will begin to experience debt freedom. God set me free from debt and showed me how to acquire money, keep it and use it for His purposes. He will do the same for you.