

# Women of Grace

## Lesson 20 | Wealth

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The book of Proverbs has a great deal to say about money and related topics, with around 100 references to subjects including giving, hard work, provision, wealth, and stewardship. This lesson looks at some of these issues within the overall theme of Proverbs, which is Solomon's exhortation to his son to get wisdom, pursue excellence, and live skillfully.

*God does not give you riches to hoard, but to use for His glory. True enjoyment of wealth comes not from possessing it, but from investing it as God intended—in things that count for eternity.*

— "Investing in Eternity," gty.org, Article A186  
John MacArthur

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*Memorization Verse*  
**James 1:22**

But prove yourselves doers of the word,  
and not merely hearers  
who delude themselves.

### DAY 1 | The Source of Blessing

Read selected Proverbs & Deuteronomy 26:3-11

1. From last week's study on pride and humility, what particularly affected you, and why?
2. A biblical view of money begins with a commitment to honor God first in all things as an act of gratitude and worship. What insight do the following verses provide to deepen that understanding?
  - a. Proverbs 2:2-4
  - b. Proverbs 3:13-18

- c. Proverbs 8:10-11, 18-21
  
  - d. Proverbs 9:10
  
  - e. Proverbs 15:16, 16:8
  
  - f. Proverbs 16:16, 20:15
3. Remembering Moses' emphasis in Deuteronomy as he called the people to trust and obey the Lord, what is his exhortation in 26:8–11? How does that honor God?
4. In Proverbs 3:9–10, what command is given? Why do you think this is communicated as an imperative rather than a suggestion?
5. Are there areas where you've been giving leftovers to God? How can you honor God with the first fruits of your life? Be specific.

## DAY 2 | The Proper Priority

Read Matthew 6:19-23 & Proverbs 2:1-5

1. From Matthew 6:19–21, identify the two types of treasure that Jesus references, and the promises and problems associated with each.
  - a. How is a person's heart revealed by what she treasures?
  - b. How is a person's heart revealed by what she treasures?
  - c. What priorities are revealed in your use of time and money? What changes do you want to make to focus more on heavenly instead of earthly treasure?
  
2. What encouragement did Jesus give in Matthew 6:25–33?
  - a. How does Proverbs 2:1–5 deepen your understanding of the text in Matthew?
  - b. How can this change how you live today?

### DAY 3 | Instruction on Wealth

Read selected Proverbs & other Scriptures

1. In Proverbs 10:22 and Ecclesiastes 5:19, who does Solomon say is the giver of wealth?
  
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:6–19. According to verses 17–19, what instruction is there for those who are blessed with material wealth?

- a. In verses 9–10, what warning is given, and to whom is it directed?
  - b. How do verses 6–8 deepen your understanding of this text?
  - c. Are you content with God’s providence and provision in your own life? Explain your answer.
3. According to Proverbs 6:6–8, 12:11, 13:11, and 21:5, what is a necessary component for obtaining wealth?
4. What warnings about wealth are given in Proverbs 11:28, Ecclesiastes 5:10, and Hosea 13:5–6?
  - a. Do you think it is wrong for a Christian to be wealthy? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.

## DAY 4 | Giving from Your Wealth

Read selected Proverbs & other Scriptures

1. In Proverbs 3:27, 11:25, 14:31 and 19:17, what is required of those who are given material wealth?
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2. What do the following passages teach about giving?
  - a. Proverbs 11:24-25
  
  - b. Proverbs 22:9
  
  - c. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
  
  - d. Mark 12:43-44
  
3. Are you giving to the Lord and others as He desires? In what areas do you need to change?



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