

Worship Service August 9, 2020 Pastor Chris Regas

Surrender Your Treasure

Lesson Six • Proverbs 3:5-20

God's Wisdom on Surrendering Your Treasure

Proverbs 3:5-7

1. Trust in THE LORD Not Money.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart" (3:5)

2. Don't Lean on Your OWN UNDERSTANDING.

"And do not lean on your own understanding." (3:5)

Wisdom Leans on God's Abundant Resources...

- The plain teaching of God's Word.
 - The *purposeful leading* of God's Spirit.
 - The *practical training* of God's People.
 - The *powerful enabling* of God's Grace in His Son.

3. Acknowledge the LORD ABOVE ALL = EVERYTHING.

"In all your ways acknowledge Him." (3:6)

Here's What Wisdom Says that Looks Like... (See Handout.)

4. Admit God Knows Better THAN YOU.

"Do not be wise in your own eyes." (3:7)

5. FEAR GOD More Than Gaining or Losing Your Treasure.

"Fear the Lord and turn away from evil." (3:7)

God's Grace for Surrendering Your Treasure

Proverbs 3:9-10

1. Regularly Monitor Your Heart MOTIVATION.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth..." Proverbs 3:9

Grace for **GIVING** from the heart!

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2Corinthians 9:7-8

2. Consistently Meet God's CONDITIONS.

"and with the first fruits of all your produce;" Proverbs 3:9

- ➤ First, give your **HEART** to the LORD
- ➤ Then, give Him the <u>FIRST</u> and <u>BEST</u> part of your finances.

Grace for **MEETING** His conditions and our needs!

Proverbs 11:24: 2Corinthians 8:1-5

3. Gratefully Enjoy God's PROVISION.

"then your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will be bursting with wine." Proverbs 3:10

Grace **ENJOYING** His provisions in times of want & abundance!

"Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor this is the gift of God." Ecclesiastes 5:19

Measure Your Treasure by God's Wisdom, Then Fully Enjoy It in His Presence!

Money can't buy what matters most in this life or guarantee success in the life to come. Proverbs 3:13-20

The Time to Surrender Your Treasure Is Today!

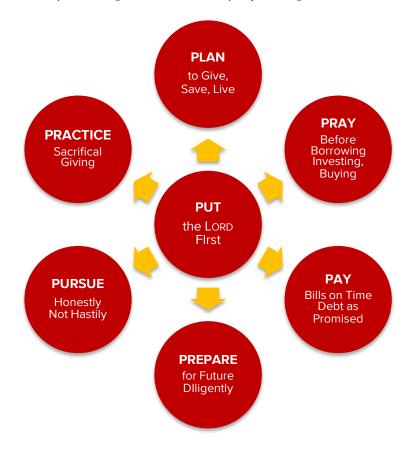
Jesus is ready to be the King of your life including your finances. TEST HIM! TRUST HIM! TREASURE HIM more than anything!

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[Handout Referenced During the Message]

What Does Acknowledging the LORD in All Your Financial Ways Look Like?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



Wisdom PUTS the LORD first in all financial matters.

Proverbs 3:9-10

"The rich and the poor have a common bond, the LORD is the Maker of them all."

Proverbs 22:2

2. Wisdom PLANS for giving, saving, and spending.

Planning to give – *Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:25; 25:21-22* Planning to save – *Proverbs 21:5, 20; 30:24-25; 6:6-8; 13:22*

- 3. Wisdom PRAYS before borrowing. investing, and buying.
- 4. Wisdom PAYS bills on time and debt as promised.

Get the *intensity of a gazelle* regarding debt reduction! *Proverbs* 6:1-5

5. Wisdom PREPARES for the future with an eye on eternity.

Proverbs 6:6-11; 10:4, 26; 13:4; 15:19; 19:15; 20:4

Get the diligence of an ant regarding work production! Proverbs 6:6-11

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now" – Alan Lakein

"Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning"

— Winston Churchill

6. Wisdom PURSUES wealth honestly not hastily.

Proverbs 10:2; 11:1; 12:11; 13:11; 20:17; 21:5-6; 22:16; 23:4-5; 28:20, 22

7. Wisdom PRACTICES sacrificial giving freely and joyfully.

Proverbs 14:31; 21:26

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." Proverbs 11:24

"Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." 2Corinthians 8:1-5

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