

Date of Sermon: November 15, 2020

Topic of Sermon: Cutting Through the Noise: Financial Wisdom

Main Passage: Proverbs 21:5 21:20 27:23-24 22:7 30:8-9 11:28

BEFORE your group meeting:

- **Participate in Worship** in-person or online to hear the sermon you will be discussing.
 - You can also catch-up on YouTube or at https://www.foresthill.org/en/on_demand
- **Encourage your group members** to watch the sermon and take a closer look at the Scripture that is used.
- **Look over the questions** provided below and think through your own responses.
- **Plan your meeting.** The Dig Deeper section is great to use in your group discussion (if there's time) or you can send it out to your group members after the meeting for their personal devotion time.
- **Pray for the Spirit** to use your group discussion to encourage dynamic life in Christ in each of you.

What's the Big Idea?

Live in the adventure of trusting God with your finances instead of yourself.

Get Started

1. Often with the topic of money we want to think about what we want. Instead share with the group 3 things God has blessed/provided you with in 2020.
2. There are three different ways we want to use our "margin" or what is over and above our actual needs. We either tend to want to spend it, save it, or give it. Which do you find yourself gravitating towards the most? Which one do you want to grow more in? All three need to coexist in some degree to have a healthy relationship with money.

Dive into the Sermon

1. These three (spend, save, or serve) are each ways that we want to find joy by using our money. But no amount of stuff will bring us true joy. No amount of savings will give us true security. And even if we use our money to serve but are not wise we will not truly find joy. The only way to find this joy is in embracing and trusting what God has given us. What is difficult about that for us? Why do we have such a hard time with these concepts?
2. We talked a little bit about debt. It is not a sin to be in debt, but why is it unwise and why should we make a "battle plan" to get out of debt?
3. The worst financial decisions are made in isolation. Why do you think that is? Do you have safe people in your life you can talk to about your finances? Do you find it easy to accept financial wisdom from others?

Dig Deeper into a Scripture Passage

Use the HEAR Bible Reading Method to learn more what the Bible teaches us about joy.



Bible-Reading Tip: Begin by asking God to open your eyes and hearts to His Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Paul writes that the Spirit – who lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus – knows the depths of God and reveals Him to those who follow Jesus. So, always begin your time of reading the Bible with a prayer for Him to open your eyes and ears to what He will reveal. This doesn't mean that you will always have an emotional encounter or a special revelation, but you are acknowledging that He is that One through whom all wisdom is revealed.

Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead to profit
as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 21:20

The wise store up choice food and olive oil,
but fools gulp theirs down.

Proverbs 27:23-24

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks,
give careful attention to your herds;
for riches do not endure forever,
and a crown is not secure for all generations.

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rule over the poor,
and the borrower is slave to the lender.

Proverbs 30:8-9

Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.

Proverbs 11:28

Those who trust in their riches will fall,
but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

HEAR Bible Reading Method

HIGHLIGHT the passage

- Underline any repeated words or key ideas you see.
- Note any questions you have about what you read.
- In 2-3 sentences, summarize what was said or what happened.

EXPLAIN the passage

- What was revealed about God? His character, desires, and/or actions?
- What was revealed about people? What we are/do or what we should be/do?

APPLY the passage

- From this reading, what truth do you need to embrace?
- By God's power, how will you THINK, SPEAK, or ACT differently based on what you read?

RESPOND to the passage

- Talk to God about what you've seen and learned in this passage.
- Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.