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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Learning to Think About 'Our' Money in God's Way"
Proverbs 3:7-10

PM: Brian Mitchell
"Stay Where You Were Called"
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Learning to Think about "Our" Money In God's Way

I wish I could tell you otherwise, but Christians are not immune to life's problems and difficulties. What if, however, I told you that there was a subject that the Bible spoke about over 2,300 times. Yet many preachers and Bible class teachers ignore the subject for fear that their intentions for doing so might be misinterpreted. Would this surprise you? It shouldn't, because I have found that not only is there a subject upon which the Bible speaks this much but that the average Christian has little idea how much valuable wisdom the Bible shares on this subject. What subject am I referring to: Money and Material things?

That's right, the Bible speaks on the subject of material or money matters over 2,300 times, as opposed to prayer and faith which are mentioned approximately in a combined 1,000 verses. God knew that man would struggle with money matters and thus made sure that His people would not have to be among them. Yet, how many Christians struggle with their finances because they do not know or do not practice the principles of biblical finances that are taught in God's Word.

As a society in whole and as Christians living within this society, we are in desperate need of a restoration of the principles of financial management and behavior. These were common in generations gone by and they are so prevalent in God's Word still. Like Dave Ramsey says often on his show, "It's your grandmother's financial advice, only we keep our teeth in." The fact of the matter is that when most of our parents and grandparents wanted something they saved until they could afford it. They did not heap debt upon debt "spending money they did not have, to buy things they did not need, to impress people they did not know." What about us?

So after looking at some introductory matters concerning the dangers of materialism, we are going to consider what the Bible says about money. We are starting a new series today called, Solomon's Wisdom on Wealth. As much as Jesus has to say about the subject of money in general, there is no one in the Bible that has more to say on the subject than Solomon. Isn't interesting that the person in the Bible who failed most miserably in relation to his attitude toward material wealth is the person that also has the most wisdom to share concerning how we might not do the same.

It is often those who have failed the most in certain areas that have the most wisdom to share because they have been there and know all of the mistakes not to make. This is why we are in such desperate need of Solomon's wisdom on wealth today. An interviewer once asked gold legend Gary Player what the best advice he ever received was. His answer did not have anything to do with golf, the best advice he ever received, he said, "was to read the book of Proverbs." While some might question just how relevant a book written over 3,000 years ago could be to financial matters in our time, such in reality, is only an admission of the fact that such people have not read the book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

Stan Bullington in his book "Solomon on Wealth" identifies the following 7 Key Ideas that emerge from a detailed study of Solomon's writing. They are: wealth is a blessing, other blessings are more important than wealth, wealth is a danger, work diligently, avoid debt, help others and trust in God, not riches. If we will learn and apply Solomon's teachings in these areas, his teachings can serve as the foundation for our financial lives and our attitudes toward money.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 103
Sunday AM: 147
Sunday PM: 92
Wednesday PM: 83
Contribution: \$4430
Budget: \$4831

Weekly Wisdom

For You are my rock
and my fortress; For
the sake of Your
name You will lead
me and guide me.

Psalms 31:3

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Betty Welshans: 06.26
Garrett Craft: 06.28
Mark Essner: 06.28
Daniel Cox: 06.30

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Terri Bryan
Ushers: Cody Naramore/Seth Spraggs
A/V: Luke Selvig
Nursery: Kim Spraggs
Lead Singing: Todd Newman
Head Lord's Table: Scott Spraggs
Scripture: Lance Kluesner
Prayers:
AM: Bill Welshans/Shawn Myers
PM: Charlie Kluesner/Scott Watson

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Ron Fehr
Devo: Brent Newton (Jefferson City, MO)
"Joy"
A/V: Luke Selvig
Prayer: Todd Newman

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Chronological Bible Reading

June 25: 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
June 26: 1 Kings 15:25-16:34; 2 Chronicles 17
June 27: 1 Kings 17-19
June 28: 1 Kings 20-21
June 29: 1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18
June 30: 2 Chronicles 19-23
July 1: Obadiah 1, Psalms 82-83

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family, Esther Beck (cancer), **Melissa Brown, Tim Corzine** (Steve's son—fall/healing), **Bill Dillman** (Marcia Ridenour's dad), **Newt & Kay Gilliland, Jalonda Harris** (Silvers' daughter-in-law—cancer), **Allen & Juanita Hedge, Sonny Huskey** (Jack's dad), **Francis & Diana Ivanovich, Betty Jones, Scott Lanpher** (Barbara's son), **Carolyn Neese, Brent Newton** (eye hemorrhage), **Mary Jo Parker** (Barbara Brown's sister—Cancer), **Martha Riehn** (Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law—chemo), **Sandra Shell** (Kathy Green's niece—health), **Susan Seabaugh, Steve Simmons, Jerry Ward** (bypass surgery), **Chris Weaver**



Remember in Prayer

- **Darlene Bartolo** is doing well and at home recovering from her recent knee replacement.
- Susan Floyd's mother-in-law, **Melva Floyd** fell last week and fractured her hip (while still in the hospital recovering from having a pacemaker placed). She had surgery on Saturday and is doing well. She will now have 6 weeks of antibiotics and rehab.
- Kayli Naramore's grandmother, **Kay Menz** has been placed on hospice as her organs are shutting down as a complication of Alzheimer's. They do not expect her to live much longer. Please pray for her comfort and for peace for the family during this time.
- **Edd Sterchi** has begun physical therapy for his back/leg pain. He is not noticing any change yet, but his doctors say it could take up to 4 weeks or more to feel any relief.
- Nick Brown's brother, **Shawn Brown**, spent a couple of days in the hospital in Poplar Bluff but went home on Sunday and is doing much better.

News & Notes

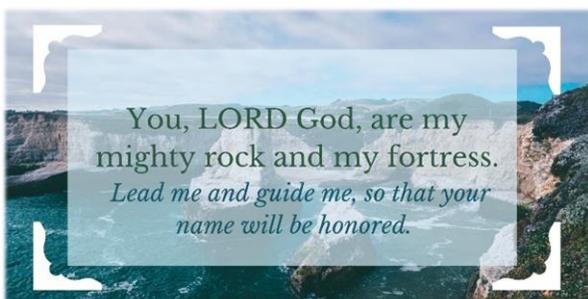
- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Liquid Fabric Softener**
- All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Kelsey Martin** this **Sunday, June 25** following morning services. Lunch will be provided. Kelsey and Joseph Berryman are registered at Target and Amazon and are planning an August 12 wedding.
- Please notify the office if any changes need to be made to your directory information. An update will be printed in July.
- Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be **July 5** from 2:30-6:30pm. Please donate if you can as the need is critical.
- Please sign up if you would be interested in attending a **Concealed Carry Class**. No date has been set yet. See Shawn Myers, Kenny Simmons, or Troy Bryan with questions.
- We are working on our upcoming year of Thursday School and are in need of a couple of individuals who are willing to assist in classrooms. Please see Joy Kaye if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with this outreach program that has blessed our community for more than 35 years.

Elder/Deacon Selection

- **Todd Newman** has been placed before the congregation as a candidate to serve as elder. Please prayerfully consider Todd and this work and visit with him privately over the next couple of weeks with any questions or concerns. He will be introduced as an elder on **July 2** if there are no issues that prohibit that appointment.

Youth Corner

- Please sign up if you would be willing to host the youth for Dessert and Devo on an upcoming Thursday evening. See Christopher with questions.
- **June 26:** Man Monday at 7pm at the church building
- **July 6:** Dessert & Devo hosted by the Fehrs
- **July 9-14:** BYC Session 3



You, LORD God, are my mighty rock and my fortress.
Lead me and guide me, so that your name will be honored.