

Sunday Morning in the Word



Proverbs chapter 2

July 29, 2018

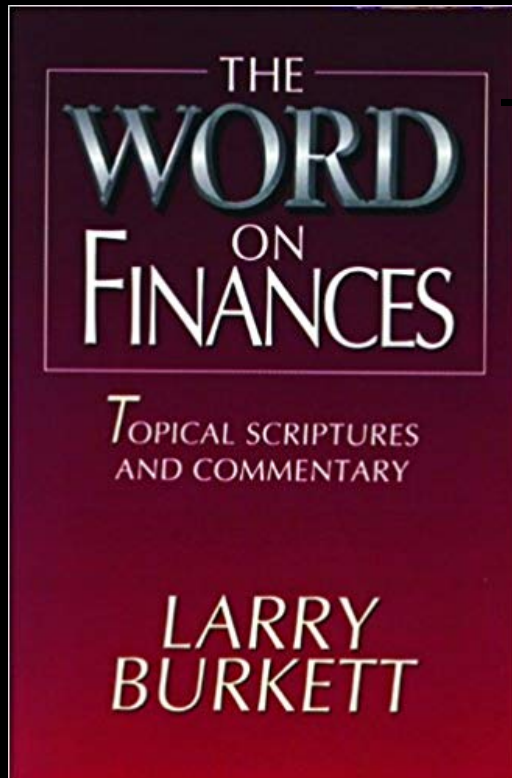


44% of lottery winners spend their entire winnings within 5 years!

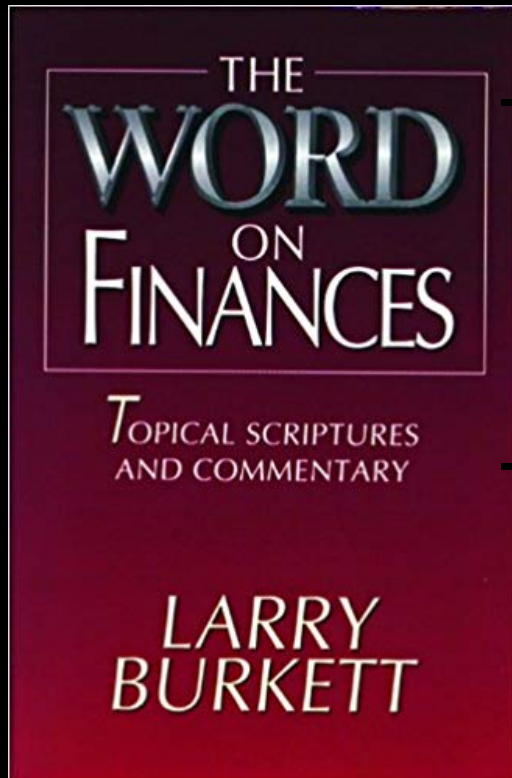
30% go on to file bankruptcy!



The Bible contains some **2,350** verses on the topic of money!



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Therefore, approximately **every third verse** is dealing with money or a related issue!

WISDOM

Studies in the Book of Proverbs

Sunday mornings at Grace
(Through August 19th)

Proverbs 2:1–11

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Insights for the Wise Handling of Money

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1. Money isn't "the answer" we think it is!



Money isn't
everything, but it's way
ahead of whatever's in
second place!

So Just What Is More Valuable than Money?

1. **Wisdom** is more valuable than money!

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For **wisdom** is better than jewels, and nothing desirable can equal it.

Proverbs 8:11

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Wisdom is more valuable than money!

Get **wisdom**— how much better it is than gold!
And get **understanding**— it is preferable to silver.

Proverbs 16:16

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The house of the **righteous** has great wealth, but trouble accompanies the income of the wicked.

Proverbs 15:6

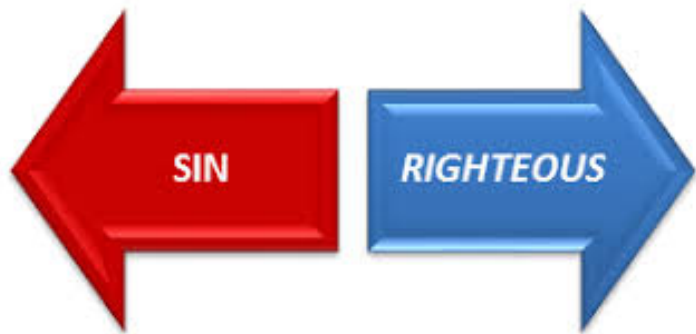
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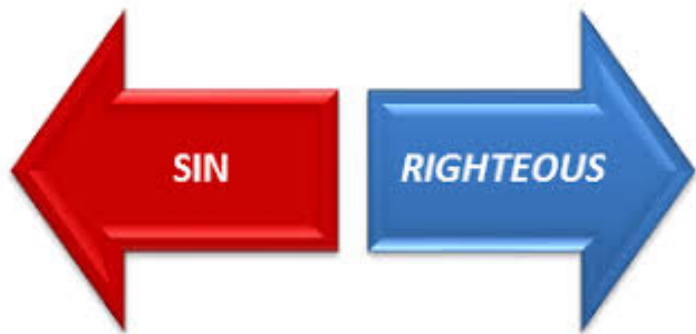
Better a little with **righteousness** than great income with injustice.

Proverbs 16:8

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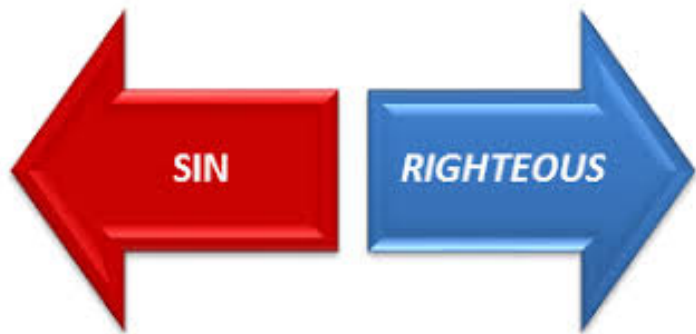
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Positional Righteousness

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

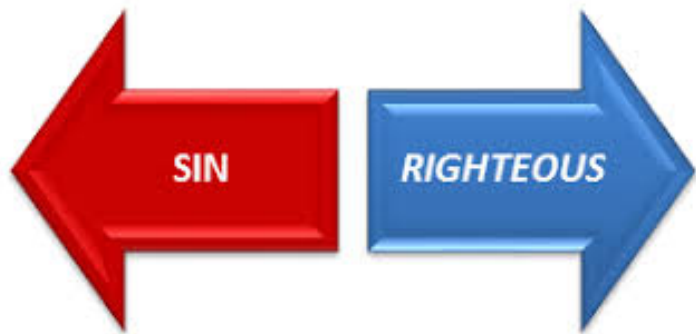
2 Corinthians 5:21

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Practical righteousness is the right living we must pursue in this life as we follow Christ's call to follow him

Practical Righteousness

But you, man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

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Integrity is more valuable than money!

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Better the poor person who lives with **integrity** than the rich one who distorts right and wrong.

Proverbs 28:6

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A good reputation is more valuable than
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A good name is to be chosen over great wealth;
favor is better than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1

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Insights for the Wise Handling of Money

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SO - DON'T TREASURE IT!

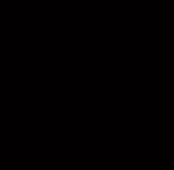
Don't be like the world
which all too often goes
crazy in its pursuit of money
and all the stuff it can buy!





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Insights for the Wise Handling of Money

Money isn't "the answer" we think it is! (So don't treasure it!)

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- Money is not the answer we think it is! (So don't treasure it!)

- **Money doesn't provide the security we hope it will!**

Money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!

The wealth of the rich is his fortified city; in his imagination it is like a high wall.

Proverbs 18:11

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Money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!

Anyone trusting in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.

Proverbs 11:28

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Money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!

Wealth is not profitable on a day of wrath, but
righteousness rescues from death.

Proverbs 11:4

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Vietnam War Draft Lottery

But he was pierced because of our rebellion,
crushed because of our iniquities;
punishment for our peace was on him,
and we are healed by his wounds.

Isaiah 53:5

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Money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!



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SO - DON'T TRUST IT!

Trust in God brings far more security than trust in all the wealth you could ever hope to accumulate!



Money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5–6

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Money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!

Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise:
ants are not a strong people,
yet they store up their food in the summer;

Proverbs 30:24-25

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Trust your God ... not your money!

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are protected.

Proverbs 18:10

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Insights for the Wise Handling of Money

Money is not the answer we think it is! (So don't treasure it!)

2. **Money doesn't provide the security we hope it will!**

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2. Money doesn't provide the security we hope it will!
3. Money can be a blessing if we use it right!

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The Lord's blessing enriches, and he adds no painful effort to it.

Proverbs 10:22

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Money can be a blessing if we use it right!

- ✓ **Don't treasure it!** (because money isn't "the answer" we think it is!)
- ✓ **Don't trust it!** (because money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!)

Money can be a blessing if we use it right!

Do honor God with it!

Money can be a blessing if we use it right!
(by honoring God with it!)

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the
first produce of your entire harvest;

Proverbs 3:9

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Give the best of what you got to God!

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Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the **first** produce of your **entire** harvest; then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9–10

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Francis Chan

“For years I gave God leftovers and felt no shame. I simply took my eyes off Scripture and compared myself to others. The bones I threw at God had more meat on them than the bones they threw, so I figured I was doing fine.”

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2. Remember the poor!



As you manage your money – remember the poor!

The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors him.

Proverbs 14:31

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As you manage your money – remember the poor!

Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord, and he will give a reward to the lender.

Proverbs 19:17

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Money is a blessing - IF handled right!

Don't treasure it!

Don't trust it!

Do Honor God with it!



In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2

NKJV

Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19–20

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We will enjoy in our eternal life what we invest in God's work in this life.

Invest little in God's Kingdom while here - enjoy little eternal return there.

Invest much there - enjoy much there.





Is money your master? Or your servant?



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Do you see wealth as an end in itself?

Or do you see it as a means toward a greater end ... that of glorifying God with it?

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- ✓ **Don't treasure it!** (because money isn't "the answer" we think it is!)
- **Don't trust it!** (because money doesn't bring the security we hope it will!)
- **Do honor God with it and give to the poor!** (because money can be a blessing when we use it right!)