

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



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Message Title: Our Work, Walk and Wealth

Message Text: Proverbs 13:4-7

Introduction:

How we approach work, our daily walk and wealth is a good indicator of how wise we are. Proverbs was given to us by God to help us develop wisdom in the daily details of our lives. Prayerfully, let's seek to grow in wisdom in these areas of our lives.

1. The Wise _____ with a Gratifying Work Ethic (4)

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

DEFINITION—SLUGGARD: lazy person; a person who is disinclined to work or exert himself.

DEFINITION—DESIRETH: to feel or have a desire for; want strongly.

QUOTE: It is the 'follow through' that makes the great difference between ultimate success and failure, because it is so easy to stop. —Charles Kettering

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; Therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing

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DEFINITION—DILIGENT: diligent person; a person who is characterized by care and perseverance in carrying out tasks.

DEFINITION—FAT: to be satisfied, conceived of as being made fat; gratified

Proverbs 11:23 The desire of the righteous is only good: But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

2. The Wise Prioritize a Godly _____ (5-6)

Proverbs 13:5-6 A righteous man hateth lying: But a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame. 6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

The Righteous Man	The Wicked Man

RIGHTEOUS MAN — one who had been made righteous by faith in God and lives in the fear of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the froward mouth, do I hate.

WICKED MAN — someone who is characterized by wickedness and godlessness.

Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously,

and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Philippians 2:14–15 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

3. The Wise _____ Genuine Wealth (7)

Proverbs 13:7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: There is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

DEFINITION—MAKETH: to adopt a lifestyle of (BKC)

QUOTE: A person may be rich in material goods but have nothing socially or spiritually. Conversely another person may be poor materially but rich spiritually. —BKC

Luke 12:15–16 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

QUOTE: Our age abounds with men who have made themselves rich, and yet have nothing. They have amassed great wealth, and yet it has no purchasing power in the true things of life. It cannot insure health, it brings no happiness, it often destroys peace. On the other hand, there are those who have impoverished themselves, and have by so doing become wealthy in all the highest senses of the word. How is this to be explained? Is not the solution found by laying the emphasis in each of the contrastive declarations, upon the word self. To make self rich, is to destroy the capacity

for life. To make self poor, by enriching others is to live. It is impossible to consider this saying of Hebrew wisdom, without thinking of the One who became incarnate Wisdom.— G. Campbell Morgan

2 Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Conclusion

Questions to Consider

Am I wise in my work ethic?

Is the way that I walk through life blameless and demonstrating godly wisdom?

Do I pursue genuine wealth and enriching the lives of others?

