



Shelby Christian Church

WEALTH THAT WORKS: PLANNING THE FUTURE WITH NO FEAR

PROVERBS 6:6-11, MATTHEW 6:19-34 * 1/25/2026

What messages does our culture send about money and finances?

Do you have any fears in regard to money and finances? What are they?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ PROVERBS 6:6-11

What example does Solomon use in this passage, and what traits of that example are emphasized?

How does the ant prepare for the future, according to verses 6–8?

What warnings are given to the sluggard in verses 9–11?

What imagery is used to describe the consequences of laziness?

Why do you think Solomon contrasts the ant’s diligence with the sluggard’s inactivity?

What does this passage teach about personal responsibility and initiative?

How do “a little sleep” and “a little folding of the hands” illustrate gradual spiritual or practical decline?

What kind of “poverty” might this passage be warning against—only material, or also spiritual?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MATTHEW 6:19-34

What contrasts does Jesus make between earthly treasures and heavenly treasures? Why are earthly treasures described as temporary and unreliable?

How does Jesus describe the relationship between the heart and treasure (v. 21)?

What does Jesus mean by the “eye” being healthy or unhealthy (vv. 22–23)?

According to verse 24, why is it impossible to serve both God and money?

How does worry reveal what we truly trust or value?

What do the examples of birds and flowers teach about God’s care and provision?

How does seeking “first the kingdom of God” reorient our priorities and decisions?

How can this teaching reshape the way you approach money, time, and the future?

APPLICATION

In what areas of your life might procrastination or complacency be holding you back?

How can learning from the ant help you become more disciplined in your daily habits?

What practical steps can you take this week to replace laziness with diligence?

How can diligence be an act of faith and obedience to God?

Where are you most tempted to store up “treasures on earth” rather than in heaven?

How does worry about finances, future, or security affect your faith and daily choices?

What practical steps can help you seek God’s kingdom first in your everyday life?

How can trusting God free you from anxiety and lead to greater peace?

PRAYER