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# Serving God with Your Stuff

Proverbs 10:16

July 9, 2017

Sermon Series: Proverbs: Wisdom for the Family

**The Big Question:** Are you servant to your stuff or is your stuff a tool for God's service?

1. Serve God with your tithe.
2. Serve God with your offerings.
3. Serve God by caring for your own needs.
4. Serve God by caring for others.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **LifeGroup Discussion**

Date: July 16, 2017

### **Proverbs 10:16**

1. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What did Jesus have to say about our possessions and our treasures? What might Jesus say is the greatest hindrance to generosity?
2. Pastor Craig made the argument that the tithe should be given to the local church. Why is it important to set aside your first gift to the Lord to your local church instead of other good things that may benefit from your gifts?
3. According to 2 Thessalonians 3:10, what does Paul say about the importance of work? Based on this verse, is working to care for one's own needs a biblical principle?
4. When we talk about tithing and generosity, we usually focus on money. Beyond money, how can one be "owned" by their possessions? What is the difference between serving your *stuff* and using your *stuff* to serve God's kingdom?
5. How is God glorified when we serve others? What are ways that we can care for others that may not even involve money?
6. Read Proverbs 6:6-8, 24:27, and 27:23. Is there a biblical basis for saving money? How can you use these passages to explain a biblical basis for preparing to retire?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Proverbs 10:16. Talk with your family about how your money and possessions can be used for God's glory?