

Sermon Notes

Being Wise about Prosperity

Proverbs

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

10:22 **It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich (prosperous), and He adds no sorrow to it - He doesn't rebuke us for it.**

If you become prosperous, it is a blessing, or favor, from the Lord.

Having more than our needs met, prospering, being rich, is not wrong, in the sight of the Lord.

But there are dangers of pursuing and having wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Danger: Becoming proud, forgetting the Lord

Instead: Remember the Lord gives you ability to make wealth.

11:28 **He who trusts in his riches shall fall, but like the green leaf the righteous (those who trust in the Lord) shall flourish.**

Danger: Trusting, depending, on wealth

You risk descending into a negative condition.

Instead: Trust in, depend on, the Lord.

23:4-5 **Do not weary yourself (cause pain) to become rich, but now that you understand, stop that.**

Danger: Pursuing prosperity to the detriment of other important things, things that God wants us taking good care of.

Instead: Stop doing that, and have balance, taking care of all the things God wants us taking care of.

Are you hurting any of those areas of your life, pursuing prosperity?

What are you going to do about it?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 5/6/18 sermon

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(I would suggest dividing into guys and ladies separately to answer just this first question. (Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something going on in your life or thinking that we should know?"

Begin by just reading this week's Bible passages: Proverbs 10:22, Deuteronomy 8:11-18, Proverbs 11:28, 23:4-5

How would you define rich? How does that compare to what the word "rich" in Proverbs means?

Do you think it is okay to be rich? Why and/or why not?

What are some dangers of having prosperity? Make a list.

(Try to have everyone answer these questions.)

Have you fallen into any of those dangers already? Please tell us about it, and what you learned.

Which of the dangers on your list do you think are still dangers for you?

Of the ones you think are not dangers, why not?

Of the ones you think are, how do you think you prevent from falling into that?

(Try to have everyone answer these questions.)

Are you presently over-working to become prosperous (have more than your needs met)? And if so, what pain/problems is it causing in your life?

What do you plan to do about that?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?