

Financial Principles from Proverbs

Proverbs 24:1-7

A “_____” is a concise saying of how things usually happen in life. By inspiration by the Holy Spirit, the Lord has given us a book of Proverbs. These are not Divine Promises, but Divinely-inspired Proverbs.

- I. _____ in the Lord, not in money or material possessions (3:5-10; 10:2, 22; 30:8-9; 1 Timothy 6:17)
*Tithes and offerings help us to acknowledge that everything we have comes from the Lord and to trust His provision in the future.
- II. Save and invest for the _____ (6:6-8; 27:23-24; 30:24-25; 31:16; 1 Timothy 6:17-19)
*Practicing deferred gratification allows time to _____ about the purchase and determine if you really need the item (13:19).
- III. Live simply and enjoy life as a stewardship from God (13:7; 15:16-17; 16:8; 19:1; 21:17; 22:1-7; 23:4-5; 28:6; 1 Timothy 6:18)
*Understand that the more you _____, the more you are owed (and for many, the more you owe). Real riches are found in relationships.
- IV. Live each day like it may be your last, but _____ for the future (16:1-3, 9; 22:3-4; 27:1, 12; Matthew 6:21-34)
*Requires a balanced approach to life.
- V. Work hard and find _____ in labor (6:9-11; 10:4-5; 12:24; 13:4, 11; 15:27; 18:9; 20:4, 13, 21; 23:21; 24:30-34; 26:13-16; 31:13-22; Eph. 4:28).
*God made us to find satisfaction in labor, accomplishment, fruit bearing (Genesis 2).
- VI. Avoid debt and cosigning (3:27-29; 6:1-5; 11:15; 17:18; 22:7, 26; Romans 13:8)
*Whenever you borrow, you are voluntarily becoming a _____ to the lender whether a business, a friend, or a family member.
- VII. _____ to give to others (3:9; 11:24-25; 13:7, 22; 19:14, 17; 22:9; 28:27; 31:20; Acts 20:35)
*Our Savior reminds us that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”
*Larry Burkett: “Do your giving while you’re living so you’re knowing where it’s going.”