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PROVERBS LIVING WISELY ACCORDING TO PROVERBS!

Lesson 3
money, money,
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Ice Breaker (in groups):

1. Two coins add up to 30 cents but one isn't a nickel. What are the coins?
2. What is the most foolish purchase you've ever made? Why did you make it and where is it now?
3. What is the most impressive thing you've ever seen someone else do with money?

Question: Based on what you know about Solomon, what do you think are the main 3 things that he writes about in Proverbs (hint, we've covered 2 of them already)

1. WISDOM
2. WOMEN
3. WEALTH

I. Money Dangers

Read I Timothy 6:10; Matthew 6:24; Matthew 19:23-24

Question: Why is money such a danger? Is money evil?

A. Money doesn't bring HAPPINESS

1. it doesn't last forever (Prov. 23:3-4)
2. remember God's "reversal" principal (Prov. 3:9-10; 10:3, 24)
*when we trust God and put Him FIRST, He will provide for our needs and desires!

B. Money can easily become our FOCUS and be more important than God and others

Question: So what is money good for then?

II. Ways I Can Honor God with My Money (besides the tithe)



A. Remember that it's GOD who blesses you financially

1. the same God that GAVE can TAKE AWAY
2. if we honor God with the LITTLE He gives us, He can trust us with MORE

B. God calls us to be GENEROUS (Proverbs 22:9; 11:24 & II Corinthians 9:6-7)

Think about it...Would you agree that those with money that are the happiest are those who are generous?

Read Proverbs 19:17 & 28:27. What are your thoughts on these verses?

Did you know? The average family in Haiti lives on \$20/month.

Did you know? \$38 pays for food, water, education, medical, and more through Compassion Int.

discuss in groups

What is the most creative thing you could do with \$1 to show God's love to someone?

Read Proverbs 30:8-9. Look at the request that Solomon made to God about wealth.

1. In verse 9, why didn't he ask to be rich?
2. In verse 9, why didn't he want to be poor?
3. In verse 8, what did Solomon ultimately ask for?

*Pray in groups. Take requests including how the group can pray for what we learned.

Take it Home

Questions to Think About:

1. With the little money I get, how can I best honor God with it?
2. Am I currently being responsible with the money God gives me?

Proverbs Reading:

*This week, read Proverbs 3, 4, and 6:1-19 (Last week's reading was Prov. 5, 6:20-35, 7, and 31)
-by the next time we meet, you should have read chapters 1-9 and 31

*Take your time, carefully reading through each verse.

*Highlight/underline key verses that stand out to you.

*Take it deeper- keep a journal about what you learn!