

**A Wise View of Money from the Book of Proverbs:**

**💰 Money is the wrong focus for life:**

*Trust in your money and down you go! But the godly flourish like leaves in spring.* Proverbs 11:28 (NLT)

*The trustworthy person will get a rich reward, but a person who wants quick riches will get into trouble.* Proverbs 28:20 (NLT)

**💰 Money will not save you:**

*The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety.* Proverbs 18:11 (NLT)

*Riches won't help on the day of judgment, but right living can save you from death.* Proverbs 11:4 (NLT)

**💰 Remember to honor God with what He gives you:**

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.* Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

*Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.* Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)

**💰 Wisdom is a much better choice than wealth:**

*Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.* Proverbs 22:1 (NLT)

*First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs.* Prov. 30:8 (NLT)

**Next Week:** *Wisdom and Work*

Group Study Guide

The Book of Proverbs

1. God provides money in order to take care of our needs, but money should not be our focus. What does the writer warn us about in Proverbs 11:28 and 28:20?
2. When “the godly flourish” (Prov. 11:28) is this speaking of financial gain? What else could it mean?
3. How do we trust in wealth as a “strong defense” (Proverbs 18:11)? Give some examples of how we think money is the answer to all of our problems.
4. Proverbs 11:4 tells us that money cannot save us. Share some of the limitations of money. What can money NOT buy?
5. How are we to honor God with our wealth? What does Proverbs 3:9 mean when it says we should honor God with the “best part” of what we produce? Besides tithing, how else do we honor God? (see Proverbs 11:24)
6. We are told that a good reputation is better than great riches (Proverbs 22:1). Why is it better? Explain.
7. Contentment with God’s financial provision should be a goal of ours (Proverbs 30:8); how are you learning to live within your means in order to go after character and integrity in your own life?