

## God-Focused about Finances

### Selected Proverbs

#### I. God-focused conclusions about money (Ecclesiastes).

A. Solomon had more money than anyone ever. He also had more wisdom than anyone ever. (1 Kings 3:12-13; 2 Chronicles 9:22)

B. Solomon gives us God's wisdom about money from his personal experience.

- When we accumulate money for ourselves, it turns out meaningless (Ecclesiastes 2:8-11).
- When we love money, we are never satisfied, which is also meaningless (Ecclesiastes 5:10).
- We cannot take any money with us when we die, which is grievous (Ecclesiastes 5:15).
- But when we acknowledge God's ownership we can enjoy material things, enjoy work, and be content and grateful (Ecclesiastes 5:18-19).

#### II. God-focused attitudes toward money (Proverbs)

A. Stewardship – Managing as much as he decides for as long as he wants – because God owns everything (Proverbs 10:22; 23:5).

B. Trust – Knowing God will provide instead of frantic self-reliance (Proverbs 3:5-6; 10:2-3; 28:25-26).

C. Contentment – Being content with what God provides even if it is less than I want (Proverbs 14:30; 15:16; 17:1; 23:4; 25:16; 30:8-9)