

# Probing the Proverbs

Lesson Handout (February 18, 2026)

1. In the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ is mentioned over 535 times and \_\_\_\_\_ is cited about 650 times depending on the translation used. However, Scriptures regarding \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ are mentioned over 2,300 times and approximately 130 times in Proverbs.
2. Because \_\_\_\_\_ impacts our decisions, priorities and even our faith, it makes it a critical \_\_\_\_\_ issue...a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Worldly \_\_\_\_\_ is useless if it costs a person their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Where a person spends most of their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ says a lot about the person and where their \_\_\_\_\_ lies.
5. When used wisely, \_\_\_\_\_ can be a \_\_\_\_\_ tool for good in advancing God's kingdom. However, when used inappropriately, \_\_\_\_\_ can be a \_\_\_\_\_ force.
6. Jesus said "no one can serve two \_\_\_\_\_. Either you will \_\_\_\_\_ the one, and \_\_\_\_\_ the other, or you will be \_\_\_\_\_ to the one and \_\_\_\_\_ the other. You cannot serve both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 6:24
7. Jesus knew a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ would affect our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
8. As we begin to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, we will attempt to answer \_\_\_\_\_ questions.

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## I. How is wealth acquired?

- A. Through an \_\_\_\_\_
- B. By \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

C. By \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

D. By \_\_\_\_\_

E. Through \_\_\_\_\_

F. With \_\_\_\_\_

G. By \_\_\_\_\_

H. As a \_\_\_\_\_

I. Through \_\_\_\_\_

J. By \_\_\_\_\_

## II. What should we do with our wealth?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Obediently

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Intentionally

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Generously

“A \_\_\_\_\_ man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

Proverb 11:25

D. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

“Blessed is he who is kind to the \_\_\_\_\_ and whoever is kind to the \_\_\_\_\_ honors God.”

Proverb 14:21b and 14:31b

## III. What is better than wealth?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. A \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

F. \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. What does wealth do for us?

**A. Wealth brings \_\_\_\_\_**

“The wealth of the rich is their \_\_\_\_\_.” Proverb 10:15 and Proverb 18:11

On the contrary Proverb 11:28 says, “whoever trusts in his riches will \_\_\_\_\_.”

Ephesians 3:20 says, “God is able to do \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ beyond all we ask or think.”

**B. Wealth buys \_\_\_\_\_**

“The poor are shunned even by their \_\_\_\_\_, but the rich have many \_\_\_\_\_.”  
“Proverb 14:20

**C. Wealth \_\_\_\_\_ one’s life.**

“A man’s riches may \_\_\_\_\_ his life, but the poor man hears no threat.” Proverb 13:8

“Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.”  
Proverb 11:14

**D. Wealth brings \_\_\_\_\_**

“The rich rule over the poor and the \_\_\_\_\_ is servant to the \_\_\_\_\_.” Proverb 22:7

“Do not be a man who strikes hands in \_\_\_\_\_ or puts up security for \_\_\_\_\_. If you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.” Proverb 22:26-27

## **V. What does money reveal about a person’s spiritual condition?**

\*The story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10

\*The parable of the unforgiving debtor. Matthew 18:21-35

\*The parable of the 10 talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and the 10 minas (Luke 19:11-27)

Other things that can reveal a man’s spiritual condition are hoarding, envy, overspending, greed, and debt, all of which lead to misplaced \_\_\_\_\_ or unhealthy \_\_\_\_\_ like gambling, drugs, alcohol, etc.

## **VI. How much is enough?**