

Give Me Neither Poverty Nor Riches

Proverbs 30:7-9

Observations on Riches

1. Wealth generally comes to those who work hard.
2. Those with wealth should give generously.
3. Wealth is not the most important thing.

Observations on Poverty

1. Foolishness usually leads to poverty.
2. Not all poverty is due to foolishness but sometimes oppression.
3. Poverty can lead to personal problems.

Additional verses in Proverbs
(3:9-10, 27-28; 11:4; 12:11; 13:23; 14:23-24; 16:16; 18:10-11, 23;
19:4; 22:1, 7; 23:4-5; 28:27)

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM AUGUST 11, 2019 SERMON

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“What financial advice would you give your 23-year-old self?”

Do you wish you would have made better financial decisions earlier in life?

Read Proverbs 30:7-9 and explain the 'Golden Mean' in your own words.

Do you know your heart's relationship with money?

Do you see a tendency in you that when life gets too comfortable you tend to forget God?

Or, when life is hard do you tend to turn away from God because He is not coming through?

Discuss the Biblical observations on riches from the book of Proverbs:

1. Wealth generally comes to those who work hard.
2. Those with wealth should give generously.
3. Wealth is not the most important thing.

Discuss the Biblical observations on poverty from the book of Proverbs:

1. Foolishness usually leads to Poverty.
2. Not all poverty is due to foolishness but sometimes oppression.
3. Poverty can lead to personal problems.

Discuss the NT equivalents of the Golden Mean: I Timothy 6:8; Hebrews 13:5

Discuss: **The Bible tells us that Jesus went from one extreme of richness to poverty so that we could go from one extreme of poverty to riches.** II Corinthians 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”