



## Discussion Questions

### Sermon Series: The Good Life: Wisdom from Proverbs

#### Sunday 21 July

Here are some questions for homegroups from this week's sermon on "Proverbs and Money"

1. Proverbs links wisdom and good decisions to wealth; and laziness and foolishness to poverty (10:4) (14:23). Discuss whether you think this is a rule or a general principle.
2. Matt highlighted 4 ways a foolish person might handle money/wealth
  - a. They expect it to satisfy (23:4-5)
  - b. They expect it to be their ultimate safety and security (11:4)
  - c. They don't expect it to tempt them to oppress the poor (22:22) (11:26)
  - d. They don't expect it to tempt them to deny the Lord (30:8-9)How can we protect ourselves from being foolish in these ways?
3. Hebrews 13:5 says "Keep your life free from the love of money and be content with what you have". How can we apply this in times when we are
  - a. short of money to make ends meet or
  - b. have surplus or plenty of money?
4. A wise person "Honours the Lord with the first fruits of their wealth" (3:9-10) and reaps the benefits. In what ways can we do this when few of us harvest fruit/crops?!
5. Share examples of where prioritisation of giving (3:9-10) and generosity of giving (11:24-25) has been blessed by the Lord and confounded earthly logic?
6. How does the truth that "It Doesn't Belong To Me" affect what we do with the money we have?
7. Proverbs talks about prioritisation of what we pursue - putting loving relationships (15:17), humility (16:19), righteousness (16:8), the fear of the Lord (15:16) and wisdom (8:10-11) above the pursuit of money. Quietly reflect on whether my attitude and approach to the money/wealth in my life needs reprioritising.
8. Ask God to reveal to you whether you are being wise with the money he has given you. What might He be saying to you about your money at the moment?

Thanks  
Love Matt