

## **God's Wisdom for Wealth and Work**

*The Book of Proverbs*

INTRODUCTION (The Christian life: stewardship or ownership?):

*For further study on a biblical view of wealth and work:*

*Monday:* Psalm 49-50

*Tuesday:* Matthew 5-7

*Wednesday:* Acts 2:36-47; 4:32-5:16

*Thursday:* 2 Corinthians 8-9

*Friday:* Philippians 4

*Saturday:* 2 Thessalonians 3

*Sunday:* 1 Timothy 6

### **I. What is the book of Proverbs?**

### **II. What is a "proverb"?**

### **III. How is Proverbs to be interpreted?**

- 1. Use common sense.*
- 2. A proverb describes a slice of reality – not all of reality.*
- 3. Proverbs are not promises to name and claim.*
- 4. Do not focus on the result or consequence to the neglect of the obedience the proverb calls for.*
- 5. Study one proverb in the light of all the others on a given subject.*

#### **IV. The Wisdom of God in Christ Crucified.**

*The wisdom of God in the cross is powerful to:*

- 1. Open your eyes to see the foolishness of and sinfulness of trusting in and living for yourself.*
- 2. Open your eyes to see God's righteous anger toward your life that you have lived sinfully and foolishly for yourself.*
- 3. Open your eyes to see Jesus suffering the penalty of God's wrath in your place, thereby removing God's wrath from your life so that forgiveness of sin can be yours.*
- 4. Change your heart to want to repent, believe, and live for Christ and not yourself anymore.*
- 5. Equip you to live by the wisdom of God found in Proverbs.*

#### **V. The Wisdom of God for Wealth.**

- 1. Biblical wisdom is to be pursued and valued more than wealth.*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Wealth is not an end but a mean which must be rightly understood.*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. Wealth must be acquired with integrity before God.*
- 4. Wealth exists so generosity can thrive.*
- 5. We must be careful to live within the wealth we have now.*

#### **VI. The Wisdom of God for Work.**