

May 11, 2016
“Money Matters (2)
Various Proverbs

- A. Initiative “Go to the ant, you slacker! Observe its ways and become wise. Without leader, administrator, or ruler, it prepares its provisions in summer; it gathers its food during harvest.” (6:6-8) “The son who gathers during summer is prudent; the son who sleeps during harvest is disgraceful.” (10:5)**

- B. Industry “Where there are no oxen, the feeding trough is empty, but an abundant harvest comes through the strength of an ox.” (14:4)**

- C. Investment “Precious treasure and oil are in the dwelling of a wise person, but a foolish man consumes them.” (21:20)**

- D. Importance “Complete you outdoor work, and prepare your field; afterward, build your house.” (24:27)**

- E. Inventory “Know well the condition of your flocks and pay attention to your herds, for wealth is not forever; not even a crown lasts for all time. When hay is removed and new growth appears and the grain from the hills is gathered in, lambs will provide your clothing, and goats, the price of a field; there will be enough goat’s milk for your food – food for your household and nourishment for you female servants.” (27:23-27)**

- F. Indulgence “Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord, and He will give a reward to the lender.” (19:17) “A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” (22:9) “The one who gives to the poor will not be in need, but one who turns his eyes away will receive many curses.” (28:27)**

G. Incongruity “One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor. A generous person will be enriched and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.” (11:24-25) A suitable companion passage would be 2 Corinthians 9:4-5 “Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously...for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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