

# DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

## Talk 6: Being wise with money

### INTRODUCTION

The unimportance and importance of money

It's not about rules

Jesus and your money

### 1. MONEY IS GOOD

How we get it

- 6:9 *How long will you lie there, you sluggard?  
When will you get up from your sleep?*
- 10 *A little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the hands to rest—*
- 11 *and poverty will come on you like a bandit  
and scarcity like an armed man.*
- 10:4 *Lazy hands make a man poor,  
but diligent hands bring wealth.*

How we use it

- 10:15 *The wealth of the rich is their fortified city,  
but poverty is the ruin of the poor.*
- 11:16 *A kindhearted woman gains respect,  
but ruthless men gain only wealth.*
- 11:25 *A generous man will prosper;  
he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*
- 11:26 *People curse the man who hoards grain,  
but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.*
- 14:31 *He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,  
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*
- 19:17 *He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will reward him for what he has done.*



## 2. MONEY IS NOT GOD

It deceives us

- 18:11 *The wealth of the rich is their fortified city;  
they imagine it an unscalable wall.*
- 23:4 *Do not wear yourself out to get rich;  
have the wisdom to show restraint.*
- 23:5 *Cast but a glance at riches, and they're gone,  
for they will surely sprout wings  
and fly off to the sky like an eagle.*

It robs us

- 15:16 *Better a little with the fear of the LORD  
than great wealth with turmoil.*
- 16:16 *How much better to get wisdom than gold,  
to choose understanding rather than silver!*
- 15:17 *Better a meal of vegetables where there is love  
than a fattened calf with hatred.*
- 17:1 *Better a dry crust with peace and quiet  
than a house full of feasting, with strife.*
- 19:1 *Better a poor man whose walk is blameless  
than a fool whose lips are perverse.*
- 19:22 *What a man desires is unfailing love;  
better to be poor than a liar.*
- 22:1 *A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.*

It destroys us

- 11:4 *Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,  
but righteousness delivers from death.*



### **3. MONEY AND JESUS**

*2 Corinthians 8*

### **4. MONEY AND YOU**

1. Giving and the gospel

2. Generosity and greed

3. Generosity in practice

Give sacrificially

Give thoughtfully

Give purposefully

Give cheerfully

