

sermon notes

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May 12, 2024 | "Wealth and Other Complications" | **Proverbs 19:1–29**

1) _____ is fraught with blessings and curses
(19:1–7)

2) _____ invites us to learn and grow
(19:8–23)

3) _____ will reap what it sows
(19:24–29)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 19:1–7. Does the book of Proverbs denounce wealth? What do we learn about the good and bad aspects of wealth in this section of Scripture? Interact with the following quote by Pastor Ray Ortlund: "The basic attitude of Proverbs toward money is positive." Agree or disagree?

Read Proverbs 19:8–23. What word(s) would you use to summarize this section of Proverbs? Wisdom? Teachability? Integrity?

Read Proverbs 19:24–29. What word(s) would you use to summarize this section? How do these verses contrast with 19:8–23?

GET PERSONAL

What are the advantages of being poor in this world? What are the advantages of having wealth? What are the advantages of working hard irrespective of wealth? What are the dangers of slothfulness?

What does it mean to "overlook an offense" (19:11)? Does Proverbs 19:11 describe your way of life? Are you slow to anger? Are you a forgiving person? How have your "offenses" been overlooked by others and by God?

Read Proverbs 19:23 and discuss how the fear of the Lord leads to life. What is meant by "life" in that verse? How does the fear of the Lord lead to satisfying rest? Consider this for the OT believer and also the NT believer.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read Proverbs 19:25. Are you prepared to strike a scoffer? What does that mean for the average Christian? How would we apply that statement? Are you prepared to receive a reproof in order to gain knowledge? If so, when was the last time that happened in your life?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Think through the following four categories in Proverbs: 1) The Righteous Rich, 2) The Unrighteous Rich, 3) The Righteous Poor, and 4) The Unrighteous Poor. Find verses in Proverbs that relate to these four. Find similar verses in the OT and NT as well. How are the Righteous Rich and the Righteous Poor to relate to one another in a local Church?