# "Uncommon Sense" from The Proverbs—About Finances

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**EVENING DEVOTION: MONEY MATTERS**

*Proverbs is a book of wisdom and "wise dealings" (Prov 1:3), and no person can be truly wise unless they are also wise with their resources, including money. In fact, less important, temporal matters (like money), serve as a gauge to measure our degree of faithfulness in more important, eternal matters—Jesus Himself said so! (Luke 16:10-13)*

*The book of Proverbs has a great deal to say about money: How we should view it, how we should relate to it; how we should use it.*

**1. THE ABC's ABOUT RICHES & POVERTY—from Proverbs and selected Scriptures**

a) *The truth about diligence vs. _____—**10:4; 21:17; 24:30-34; 28:19***

b) *_____ "get-rich-quick" schemes!—**13:11** (Psalm 62:10; Jer 17:11)*

c) *It's not how much you _____, but how much you _____!_—(1 Tim 6:6-10; 1 John 2:15; Psalm 62:10)*

d) *Careful how you _____, _____ and _____ toward the poor—**22:2; 14:31; 17:5; 19:17; 22:9; 28:27** (1 John 3:16-18; James 2:1-6)*
   - *And, know that God takes it _____!—**14:31; 17:5; 19:17.***
   - *_____ too! (Mat 25:31-46)*

e) *Use your money to _____ others, and you too will be _____! **3:9-10; 11:24-26** (Acts 20:35; Luke 6:38; 1 Tim 6:17-19)*

f) *Your treasure is closely connected to your _____! (Mat 6:19-21)*

g) *Money: _____ servant, _____ master (Mat 6:24-And, no _____ for God!) [P.T. Barnum: "Money is a _____ master, but an _____ servant"]*
   - *And, money is not to be _____! **11:28** (Psalm 62:10)*

h) *Money is not the _____ of a man! (Luke 12:15)*

i) *When poverty is _____!—**15:16; 19:22; 28:6***

**2. A POWERFUL PRAYER from Proverbs _____!**
- *Please Lord, not too _____ and not too _____!*
- *Why? Either _____ makes it harder to be right with God! (See Mat 19:20-26)*

**3. A SURPRISING PASSAGE from Philippians _____!**
- *One of the Bible's most loved verses actually refers to how Christ _____ us to handle _____ (on one side); and _____ (on the other)!*

**4. ONE LAST POINT:** *Money can't buy me _____! **11:4** (Zeph 2:18; 1 Peter 1:18-19)*
- *But _____ can, and _____! (2 Cor 8:9)*