

1. We are to be **wise stewards** of the resources God entrusts to us. Those who go through life without a plan for their finances often run out of money.<sup>1</sup> (Proverbs 21:5)
2. Make sure your **well-being** is not based on the accumulation of wealth but on God Himself. If you don't, you will find yourself turning from God and depending on His creation which is broken and inconsistent as result of the fall of man. (Jeremiah 2:11-13, 1 Timothy 6:17)
3. We are to gain **wealth** by honest labor, dutiful care and consideration. By doing so, we should see wealth grow. However, if we seek to gain wealth in the wrong way, we will eventually see it fade away. (Proverbs 13:11)
4. **Character** has impact on the longevity of the wealth you accumulate. If you have high moral character and diligence, you will find your wealth sustainable. Whereas immoral character and laziness can lead to fading wealth (trouble in your income). (Proverbs 15:6)
5. Your relationship with **The Lord** has an impact on your perspective of wealth. If you fear The Lord, you will be satisfied with a small level of wealth. Whereas, if you lack the fear of The Lord and accumulate large levels of wealth, there will be great troubles (i.e. restlessness, covetous care, and preoccupation with things you can't cause to happen or keep from happening with your resources). (Proverbs 15:16)
6. It is better to have **God** as your strong tower of safety than money. Money is uncertain whereas God is certain. Money has the illusion of keeping you safe whereas God has the proof of keeping you safe. (Proverbs 18:10-11)
7. Having **wealth** is not a problem. What we lose or keep in our reputation in the accumulation of wealth is the key. It is better to have and do all we can to keep a good reputation rather than to lose a good reputation for the pursuit of wealth. (Proverbs 22:1)
8. We must not consume ourselves with accumulating **wealth**. Wealth is temporary and uncertain and should not be the source of satisfaction or the solution to our problems. (Proverbs 23:4-5)
9. Beware of **easy money**. Sometimes money gained too easily is not appreciated and could easily be lost as quickly as it was gained for various reasons (i.e. lack of wisdom to maintain it, lack of moral fortitude to do what is right with it, lack of consideration for responsibility that comes with it, etc). (Proverbs 20:21)

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<sup>1</sup> Newheiser, Jim. *Money: Seeking God's Wisdom (31-Day Devotionals for Life)*. P&R Publishing. Kindle Edition.