

# Sermon Prep Guide March 17, 2019

#### Reading God's Word

Proverbs 3:9-10, 13:11, 21:20, 22:9

#### Discussing God's Word

- 1. What are Solomon's instructions in Proverbs 3:9? What, then, does he list as the reward in verse 10?
- 2. What does Solomon teach about wealth in Proverbs 13:11?
- 3. What do we learn about the depletion of treasure and oil in Proverbs 21:20?
- 4. What important principle does Proverbs 22:9 demonstrate?

### Applying God's Word

- 1. How do we honor the LORD with our wealth and our first fruits? Discuss some practical ways in which you can serve the LORD and not money (see Matt. 6:24).
- 2. Solomon calls the person foolish who devours money in Proverbs 21:20. In what ways can we unwisely devour our money?
- 3. What does it mean to be generous? How has God been generous toward us? Is there someone that comes to mind in your family, community, neighborhood, or workplace that is in need of your generosity?
- 4. What does Proverbs 23:4-5 teach us about the fleeting nature of wealth? Why is it so tempting to set our eyes on it? What does Jesus teach us about setting our hearts on wealth in Matthew 6:21?
- 5. Have there been any other verses on wealth and riches in Proverbs that have impacted you personally? Take some time to share as a group.

## Praying The Word

- » God, may we first and foremost bring honor and glory to You through our tithes and offerings for we are only stewarding what You have first given us.
- » Holy Spirit, convict us when we are not rightly handling our finances, either by spending too frivolously or by gaining wealth deceptively.
- » May we remember how You, LORD, have lavished Your love upon us through the gift of Your Son so that we may be generous towards others.
- » Lift our eyes to You, the One enthroned above, and help us to resist setting our eyes on wealth. We desire for our treasure to be laid up in heaven.