

GIVING MONEY IT'S PROPER PLACE

Character Then Money

Foundation Statement: Money never takes precedence of character

I. LIE: We should just be righteous and have a little-Psalm 37:16

A. It's a comparison; rich and wicked is not better than a little and righteous

1. It didn't say it's wicked to be rich
2. It didn't say that you should have little and be righteous

B. TRUTH: It's better to be a righteous person of character with a little, than to have many riches and be wicked. If money had place above character then it's out of its place.

II. LIE: We should walk in integrity and be poor-Proverbs 19:1(AMP)

A. It's a comparison; poor with integrity is better than perverseness with riches

1. It didn't say be poor with integrity; The fact of the matter is your integrity will make you rich

B. Don't give money/riches place over integrity

C. TRUTH: I never trade my character for money; my consistent character will bring money into my life. If money has place over integrity then it's out of its place.

III. LIE: It's better to have a good name and loving favor and be poor, because if your rich you won't have a good name or loving favor-Proverbs 22:1

A. It's a comparison not options: a good name is to be chose rather than riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold, but doesn't mean you can't have a good name, riches, loving favor, and silver and gold

1. It didn't say you should have a good name and no riches; it said in priority a good name is to be chosen above great riches; God made it so you could have the good name and the great riches
2. It didn't say have loving favor and no silver and gold; it said loving favor is to be chosen above silver and gold

B. TRUTH: I never compromise my character or loving favor from God for riches, silver, and gold because there's no comparison between those. If I chose a good name over riches and loving favor over silver and gold, giving money it's proper place, God will get all the rest to me.

IV. LIE: If you walk uprightly you're going to be poor-Proverbs 28:6

A. It's a comparison; poor and upright is better than rich and perverse

1. It didn't say be poor and walk uprightly; it's telling you don't give up your character to be rich

B. TRUTH: If I walk upright and in character God will make me rich. Therefore I don't have to give up my character to be rich, it's my character that's going to make me rich.

V. LIE: Just tell the truth and be poor-Proverbs 19:22

A. It's a comparison; being poor is better than being a liar

1. It didn't say be poor and tell the truth; it said you're better off being a poor person and telling the truth than being a rich person who is a liar
- B. Don't give money place over the truth
- C. TRUTH: Money and riches never takes place over me telling the truth; if it looks like telling the truth is going to cost me money then I do that