

MAIN POINT

The wise find contentment and security in God, not in money.

INTRODUCTION

What do you like most about money? Least?

If you took the day off to go shopping, what would you be most likely to buy in an effort to treat yourself?

One of the greatest sources of personal happiness is also one of the greatest sources of sorrow. If we're not careful, the love of money can consume us as we choose greed over personal contentment in Christ. In this series, we are considering the Bible's wisdom on several subjects. This week we are looking at money.

DISCUSSION

> **READ PROVERBS 23:4-5; 30:7-9.**

Notice the specific verbiage in Proverbs 23:4. What did the author mean when he said, "don't toil to acquire wealth"?

What are some ways people wear themselves out trying to get rich? What are some ways you've done this?

What does it look like to give too much attention to wealth? Does this mean we should not try to make a living? Explain.

What are some ways that you give your whole attention to acquiring riches?

What did the author mean in Proverbs 23:5? When have you seen money sprout wings and fly away?

How can you stop giving your attention to the fleeing riches of this world?

How is this related to following Christ faithfully?

How are the two requests in Proverbs 30:8 related to wisdom and contentment?

What is it about being poor that tempts you to be discontent? What is it about being rich that tempts you to be discontent?

What is the wisdom found in Proverbs 30:9? How does this keep us from "being dumb" with money?

APPLICATION

What concrete steps can you take this week to escape the trap of greed?