

Message #35

Proverbs 11:24-31

Luke said, “Give and it will be given unto you...for by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return” (Luke 6:38). Paul said, “...He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (II Cor. 9:6).

RIGHTEOUS, GODLY, WISE PEOPLE ARE GENEROUS AND WILL END UP RICH; BUT UNRIGHTEOUS, WICKED, FOOLISH PEOPLE ARE HOARDERS AND WILL END UP POOR.

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLE #1 – One who hoards will not be prosperous. **11:24**

The word “scatters” refers to a person who is very liberal in dispersing large amounts to people (Gesenius, p. 671). Solomon is contrasting a person who scatters, with one who “withholds.” The words “justly due” imply that the hoarder is hoarding more than God considers to be right, upright and fair. There is nothing wrong with a savings account, but there is something wrong with hoarding.

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLE #2 – One who is generous will be prosperous. **11:25**

The term “generous man” describes one who is always doing things for others, one who bestows gifts and benefits to others (Gesenius, p. 144). The word “prosperous” means that the generous man will become fat with wealth and abundance (Gesenius, p. 210).

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLE #3 – One’s hoarding or generosity determines popularity. **11:26**

Here is a very Biblical way to become popular–be known as a giver, not a taker.

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLE #4 – Being a hoarder or generous affects one’s future. **11:27-30**

- 1) Being a hoarder or being generous will affect future salvation. **11:27** “favor” - satisfaction
- 2) Being a hoarder or being generous will affect future growth. **11:28**
- 3) Being a hoarder or being generous will affect future inheritance. **11:29**
- 4) Being a hoarder or being generous will affect future impact. **11:30**

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLE #5 – Being a hoarder or generous determines judgment. **11:31**

Both the righteous and the wicked will be judged and apparently one area will be one’s use of money. One of the best ways to become rich in God’s sight is to be known as one who is generous. One of the quickest ways to poverty is to be a stingy hoarder. Both the generous person and the hoarder will die. One will die rich and the other will die poor, regardless what he had saved.