

**I. What is the biblical perspective on material wealth, and how does it differ from the world's, and some Christian's perspective?**

**Proverbs 30:8-9 NLT** <sup>8</sup> First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches. Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. <sup>9</sup> For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God’s holy name.

**II. Solomon, the wisest and wealthiest man during his era, said that true wealth is seen in a person's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 11:24-26 NLT** <sup>24</sup> Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. <sup>25</sup> The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. <sup>26</sup> People curse those who hoard their grain, but they bless the one who sells in time of need.

**Proverbs 11:28 NIV** <sup>28</sup> Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

**III. Jesus showed how wealth needed to be looked at not from a temporal view point but from the \_\_\_\_\_ view point.**

**Matthew 19:21, 23-24 NASB** <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

**Luke 12:18-21 NLT** <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’ <sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’’ <sup>21</sup> “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

**IV. Paul made it clear that the love of money was a major stumbling block but the marks of true wealth are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I Timothy 6:10 NLT** <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

**Philippians 4:11-13 NLT** <sup>11</sup> Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. <sup>13</sup> For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

**II Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT** <sup>6</sup> Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

**WHAT MATTERS MOST!**