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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**MOTORCYCLE RIDE/LUNCH**

**Sunday, August 12th at 12:45pm**

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**Today's Verses:**

Proverbs 23:4  
Romans 6:23  
Ephesians 2:8-9  
1 Corinthians 6:20  
Ephesians 2:10  
Proverbs 30:8-9  
Proverbs 22:2  
Proverbs 10:4  
Proverbs 13:4

Proverbs 14:23  
Proverbs 28:19-22  
Proverbs 15:16  
Proverbs 16:8  
Proverbs 28:6  
Proverbs 10:2  
Proverbs 28:25  
Proverbs 23:4  
Proverbs 28:8

Proverbs 15:6  
Luke 16:10  
Proverbs 11:24  
Proverbs 3:9-10  
Romans 1:6  
Proverbs 27:23-24  
Exodus 19:5  
Deut 8:17-18  
Romans 3:23-24



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# MONEY 1.0

Welcome to Element! We are in the middle of a topical series on the book of Proverbs. Proverbs is a book that provides wisdom in all areas of life—we at Element are calling this series “Counter Culture” because if we were to truly live as the book of Proverbs teaches we would be very counter cultural to the current zeitgeist (that’s a fancy word that means our current culture that is defined by its beliefs).

Sometimes when we think of people’s financial situations we often place them into categories. Sunday in the message, Aaron spoke about 4 different categories that people can be in with their financial situations:

1. The Unrighteous Poor (no ambition, lazy, frivolous spending)
2. Righteous Poor (hardship, injury, medical situation, low wages)
3. The Unrighteous Rich (using money to get more rich while oppressing others)
4. Righteous Rich (those who are rich and use their money to bless others).

Money is often an indicator of what we prioritize and can be used as a way to gauge the condition of our heart. In the message, Aaron mentioned that 16% of people who attend church regularly did not give any money to their church over the past year. He reported that Biblically those people are not in worship because they are consuming instead of serving.

All through human history, people have struggled with how to navigate finances- it can be very overwhelming. When we remember that everything (even money) belongs to God it can change our perspective. Money is something that we often attempt to take ownership of and we tell ourselves lies like “I earned this, I worked hard for this.” The Scriptures teach us that God is the one who gives us the ability to earn wages. It is important to begin and end with God so we understand that all we ‘do’ is His. If we are able to reorient our life to this sort of thinking, generosity will come easier and be more fruitful.

## Introduction

This week we look at a topic that is very near to our hearts, the topic of money! Did you know that 10% of the Bible’s verses are about money and approximately 25% of what Jesus said is related to money one way or another?

## Discussion

What are your top 3 favorite ways to spend money?

## Explanation

What comes to mind when you think of a rich person?

What comes to mind when you think of a poor person?

What category of financial situation do you identify with?

## Application – Read Proverbs 3:4

If someone was to review your finances, what do you think they would learn about you?

What would you anticipate feeling if someone reviewed your finances? (Please elaborate).

What is your perspective on giving?

Do you find yourself anxious or uncomfortable when the topic of money and church comes up? Why or why not?

## Mission – Read Proverbs 9:9

How can you practically use your money (however limited or much you have) to be a blessing to others?

## Homework - Read Proverbs 17:6

Answer the question the proverb asks.

## Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy, Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation