### Wisdom is a path:

- -Beyond morality.
- -Beyond principles to a person.

Wisdom is a working understanding of reality which gives us confidence and competence in the complexities of life.

# Wealth and the Wisdom of Christ

Proverbs

- I. Wealth and wisdom.
- II. The love of wealth and destruction.
- III. Wealth and your heart.
- IV. Wealth and the wisdom of

Christ.

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10:22. The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

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10:15. A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.

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13:23. The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice.

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16:8. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

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12:11. Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

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11:1. A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight.

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11:18. The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.

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11:26. The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

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28:25. A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the Lord will be enriched.

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11:16. A gracious woman gets honor, and violent men get riches.

# III. Wealth and your heart.

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18:10-11. The name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

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### Strong city:

- Security.
- Significance.
- Savior.

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30:8-9. ..give me neither poverty or riches, but give me only my daily bread. <sup>9</sup> Otherwise I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the Lord?" Or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God.

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11:4. Wealth is worthless on the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

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Luke 12:15. Then he said to them,
"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

### How does Jesus overcome our love of money?

Christ and the scattering principle.

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11:24. There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more.

And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.

#### Christ was scattered for us.

2 Cor. 8:9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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1 Cor. 15:45. The last Adam (Jesus Christ) became a life giving spirit.

15:20. Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

### Christ is now my tower (significance and security).

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Philippians 4:12-13. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty of in want. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

#### Christ changes our perspective on wealth.

1 Corinthians 7:29-30. 29 This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods,

#### Christ frees my heart to give.

2 Cor. 9:6. The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### Is your heart free?