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Message Info

Title:

Sorrowless Wealth

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Scriptures:

Proverbs 10:1–32

Theme: Acquire sorrowless wealth by seeking the Lord's blessing.

Introduction: In this new Proverbs series, chapters 10–22 contain individual proverbs, but they are not random. There are patterns and themes present that, by the Lord's grace, his people can see and apply. Chapter 10 highlights the contrast between wealth that brings great sorrow and wealth that establishes one in the blessing of the Lord. It is this treasure that will not put us to shame and will cause us to rejoice in God.

Proverbs 10 contains four primary ways to acquire sorrowless wealth:

1. Recognize Righteousness as a True Treasure (1–5)

- God gave us to our parents; it is generally righteous to make them proud, and it is generally shameful to make them grieve.
- Part of bringing joy—or lackthereof—to parents, is through diligence or slothfulness.
- The righteousness of God in Jesus is true treasure (Prov 10:2).

2. Practicing Life-Giving Speech (6–11)

- Jesus taught that what comes out of the mouth is what defiles a person (Matt 15:11).
- The righteous son listens and obeys; the wicked, on the other hand, are full of babbling.
- Violence is hidden in the mouth of the wicked (vv 6, 11), but the mouth of the righteous is "a fountain of life" (v 11; see Ps 51:12–13).

3. Lean into Transformative Love (12–21)

- Perfect unity is not possible in a fallen world full of sinners, and strife is evidence of hatred.
- While hatred gives birth to strife, love does the opposite; love brings about peace by covering offenses (v 12).

4. Find Pleasure in Righteousness (22–32)

- Wisdom calls us to weigh the true price of sin and its fleeting pleasures that lead to death.
- Verses 24–32 lay out a list of the pleasures of righteousness.

Questions:

1. How can you grow in practicing righteous, life-giving speech?
2. What can you do this week to lean into transformative love?
3. Which of the verses that speak of the pleasures of righteousness (vv. 24–32) most stirs you up to greater faithfulness?