

'Wealth' in Proverbs

In the Big Scheme of Things...

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.

Prov.22:1,2

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

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The Transience of Wealth

*Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. **Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone**, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. Prov.23:4,5*

*...for **riches do not endure** forever. Prov.27:24*

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Honestly Earned

*Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who **chase fantasies** have no sense. Prov.12:11*

***Dishonest money** dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow. Prov.13:11*

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Generosity and Giving

*One person gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to
poverty. **A generous person will prosper;**
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Prov.11:24,25

***Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,**
and he will reward them for what they have
done. Prov.19:17*

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Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Prov.3:9,10

...blessed is the one who is kind to the needy. Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Prov.14:21,31

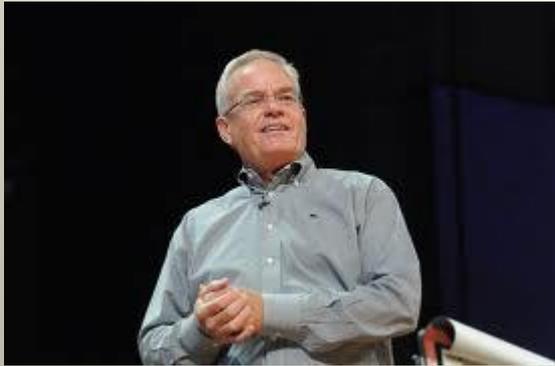
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"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35)

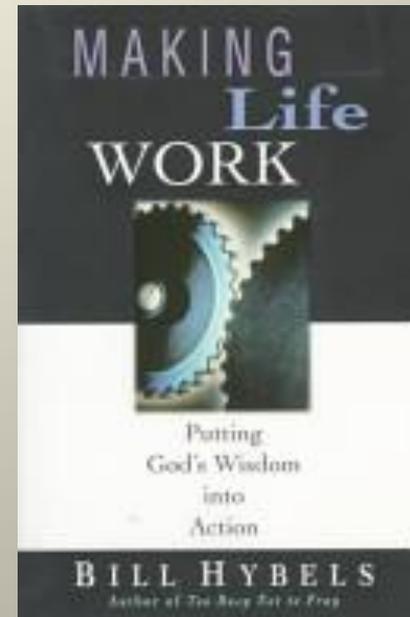
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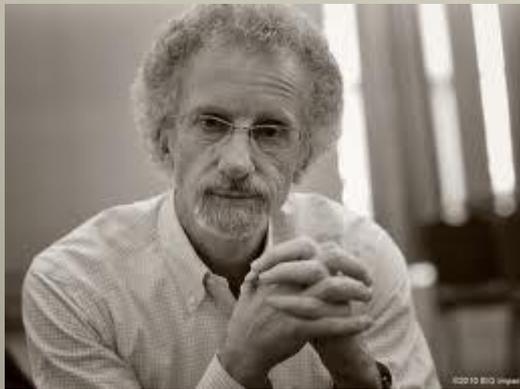
“The opportunities are all around us and God’s Spirit is whispering, ‘Go for it. Do it. Offer compassion.’ All we have to do is respond.”



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Philip Yancey

"I needed to see money for what it is, a loan that God has entrusted to me for the purpose in investing in the kingdom of heaven, the only kingdom that pays eternal dividends."



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Hilarious Giving

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.***

(2 Cor.9:6,7)

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- In the big scheme of things, money doesn't win any favours with God. [Prov.11:4]
- Wealth is transient and evaporates easily; don't put your trust in riches. [Prov.23:5]
- Money should be acquired through hard work and honest means. [Prov.13:11]
- The big take-away is about how we should use our wealth; it is to be used to bring God glory and is for the benefit of others. [Prov.19:17]
- We are to be channels not collectors, stewards not owners, generous and not greedy. [Acts 20:35]
- 'Hilarious giving' should characterise our behavior; it's counter-cultural and counter-intuitive. [2 Cor.9:7]