

“It All Belongs to God”, Proverbs 3:9–12
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Big Idea: If God has your heart, He will also have what you possess. Our money is not merely a financial issue—it is a spiritual issue because it reveals whom we trust.

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.” — Proverbs 3:9

1. HONOR GOD — Give Him Your First and Best (vv. 9–10)

Giving begins with trust.

Proverbs 3:9 follows, “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart...*”

If I trust God with my eternity, can I trust Him with my finances?

Giving begins in the heart.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:21

God does not need our money—He wants our hearts. Our money often reveals where our hearts have gone.

Firstfruits = first, not leftovers.

We don't give God what remains after everything else is paid. We honor Him first.

Everything belongs to God.

The Christian does not give God the first portion and declare everything else his own. Giving the first recognizes that God owns the whole.

Tithing is the starting line of generosity, not the finish line.

The immature question: “How little can I give and still be obedient?”

The mature question: “After everything Christ has given me, how can I use what He has entrusted to me for His glory?”

Jesus didn't give us leftovers. He gave Himself.

The Promise — v. 10

“Then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with new wine.”

This is not a formula for getting rich.

We don't give to manipulate God's hand. We give because we trust God's heart.

Let God supply your needs rather than living as though everything depends upon you.

2. TRUST GOD — Receive His Correction (v. 11)

“My son, do not despise the LORD'S discipline or be weary of his reproof.”

Money can quietly become a rival god.

“You cannot serve God and money.” — Matthew 6:24

God wants our worship, loyalty, trust, and heart.

Sometimes God exposes the things that have begun to possess us.

The rich young ruler thought he possessed great wealth.

In reality, his wealth possessed him.

God's correction calls us to: Be teachable. Be humble. Repent. Trust. Obey.

God's discipline is intended to shape us into people who reflect His character.

3. REMEMBER GOD'S HEART — Discipline Is Fatherly Love (v. 12)

“For the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”

God's correction isn't evidence that He has abandoned you.

It can be evidence that your Father is pursuing you.

For the believer, Christ has already borne our condemnation.

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” — Romans 8:1

God's discipline is not the hand of a Judge pushing you away; it is the hand of a Father pulling you back.

When God exposes something competing for your heart, don't resist Him.

Let God win.

CONCLUSION — DOES GOD HAVE YOU?

The ultimate question isn't: “Does God have my money?”

The question is: “Does God have me?”

Because—

If God has you, He has your wallet.

If God has you, He has your calendar.

If God has you, He has your home.

If God has you, He has your ambitions.

If God has you, He has your future.

So:

Honor God with what He has given you.

Trust God with what you cannot control.

Receive correction when something else begins to possess your heart.

And remember through it all: You are dealing with a Father who loves you.