

Five-Minute Finances – *When It's Never Enough*



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Prayer

Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you begin reading passages of Scripture. Ask for clarity and insight as you engage in God's word.



Scripture Reading- Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

⁸ If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. ⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.



Observation

1. What do these verses say about...

Lovers of money?

Increase?

Worry?

God?



Interpretation

2. What does it look like, in our world today, to be a lover of money?

3. How have you seen the consequences of greed impact you or others?



Application

4. What steps can you take to guard against loving money and living a life of "true satisfaction"?



Continue your Journey...

Financial discipleship is more than getting on a budget, getting out of debt or having your financial house in order. Financial discipleship is about helping people follow Jesus, make disciples and glorify God in the area of money and possessions.

If you would like to continue growing on your financial discipleship journey, we'd encourage you to go to ContinueGrowing.org.

If you would like to help others on their financial discipleship journey, we'd encourage you to go to HelpOthersGrow.org.

Thanks for taking the time to go through this devotional! We pray the Lord would draw you ever closer to Him as you continue on your financial discipleship journey!

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