



AGUR'S PRAYER

Proverbs 30:7 – 9

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MESSAGE NOTES

"Two things I ask of You, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. 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."

– Proverbs 30:7 – 9 (NIV)

Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Whose hands have gathered up the wind? Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is the name of His son? Surely you know! – Proverbs 30:4 (NIV)

Six Things Money Can Do:

- **Wealth can lead to self sufficiency (Proverbs 11:28; 1 Timothy 6:6 – 10)**

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. – Proverbs 11:28 (NIV)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. – 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

- **Wealth can only go so far (Proverbs 11:4; 15:17; 22:1)**

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

– Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)

Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred. – Proverbs 15:17 (NIV)

- **Wealth can suddenly disappear (Proverbs 23:4 – 5)**

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. –Proverbs 23:5 (NIV)

- **Wealth can provide security (Proverbs 31:1 – 31)**

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. – Proverbs 31:25 (NIV)

- **Wealth can bring certain fulfillment (Proverbs 22:7; 14:20)**
- **Wealth can be an indication of blessing (Proverbs 8:21; 10:4; 22:4; 28:20)**

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. –Proverbs 22:4 (ESV)



Prayer: *"God help me to keep my heart in a place of joyful dependence and grateful celebration in the area of finances."*

Keep Money in Perspective by:

- **Pray and live with heavenly purpose**

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- **Invite God to grow you in joyful generosity**



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Agur's prayer begins by him asking God for two things (v.7). If you could only ask God for two things, what would they be?
- Read Proverbs 30:8. Why do you think Agur prays for God to keep "*falsehood*" from him in relation to money? What are some of the ways money can lead to a lack of integrity in our world?
- Read Proverbs 30:7 and Matthew 6:11. Agur prays for God to provide his "*daily bread*." What is our "*daily bread*"? Why do you think both Jesus and Agur remind us to trust God for our "*daily bread*"?
- Read Proverbs 30:9. How does praying for "*neither poverty nor riches*" display a constant biblical tension of trusting God with our finances?
- How does trusting God with the principle of the tithe help develop a heart of joyful dependence on God and grateful celebration before Him in any season?
- Agur's prayer leaves us in a place of tension when it comes to money and does not resolve the tension. How can our finances either lead us toward God's heart or away?
- Consider the six things money can do from the Bible: it leads to self-sufficiency; it only goes so far; it can suddenly disappear; it gives security; it gives fulfillment; and it can be an indication of God's blessing. Which one of these factors is God using to catch your attention in life?
- The early church in Acts 2 changed the world for Christ not because the people were poor or rich, but because they lived wholeheartedly for Him. What is a next step of faith for you in relation to your finances?
- Read Agur's prayer in Proverbs 30:7 – 9. Take some time to thank God for His provision in your life and invite Him to use your finances to draw you closer to Him.