

TEXT TO GIVE

SIMPLY TEXT A NUMBER TO 84321
AND A LINK TO SET IT UP WILL COME BACK

AFTER THAT YOU CAN TEXT ANY AMOUNT TO
THAT NUMBER AND IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY
GIVE TO GRACE BREVARD.



YOUTH @ GBV

Next Sunday after church we will have a 15 minute preview of the beginnings of Youth Ministry (6th - 12th grade).

THEN -- we'll head out for a swimming-hole hike to Cove Creek (by the hatchery), eat ice cream at Dolly's afterwards, and be back here at 3.

Email Brian for info, or if you (an adult) would like to join us

A photograph of a forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The text 'PROVERBS' is written in large white letters, and 'LIVING WISDOM' is written in smaller white letters below it, separated by a horizontal line.

PROVERBS

LIVING WISDOM

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and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
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and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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and he adds no sorrow with it.

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

11:28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

13:11 Wealth gained hastily will dwindle,
but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.

22:1- 2 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

2 The rich and the poor meet together;
the LORD is the maker of them all.

23:4 Do not toil to acquire wealth;
be discerning enough to desist.

27:24 for riches do not last forever;
and does a crown endure to all generations?

30:7-9 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:
8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
9 lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?"
or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

- 1. The Value of Money***
- 2. The Deception of Money***
- 3. The Redemption of Money***

The Value of Money

10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

Gen 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Ecc1 5:19 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.

Money (along with all resources) aren't good or bad but simply God-given tools designed to:

- **Provide for our enjoyment and well-being**
 - **Glorify Him as the gift-giver**

The Value of Money

How we see and spend our money reveals:

- **What we believe about money
(including how much we “deserve” and whose it is)**
- **What we believe is “essential” in our lives**
- **What we believe about God’s character and generosity**

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Ecc 5:10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

1 Timothy 6:10-11 For **the love of** money is a root of **all kinds of** evils. It is through this **craving** that some have wandered away from the faith and **pierced themselves** with many pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

*John Rockefeller was asked “How much money is enough?”
He responded, “Just a little bit more.”*

The Deception of Money

“I feel like others judge me based on what I have (or don’t have).”

“If I only had _____, I’d be satisfied.”

“He must be lazy because he always has money troubles.”

“I feel good about myself because of what I have.”

“I am often anxious when I look at my bank statement.”

“Compared to her, I am _____.”

Money issues arise when we:

- See God as stingy and unconcerned about me;
- See money as primarily for my benefit and glory;
 - See others vertically.

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We believe that (and therefore behave as if) money will provide for us what only God can: value, satisfaction, security, wholeness, life.



The Freedom of Money

30:7-9 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:
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or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

Being freed from our slave-master is not a matter of the will
but by seeing our slavery, and then having our hearts
smitten by a greater love.

When I am tight-fisted,
I believe that:

- Satisfaction is determined by what I have
- I am solely responsible to provide for my needs
- God isn't generous and can't be trusted to care for me (at least in the way I WANT to be cared for)

When I am open-handed,
I believe that:

- I am satisfied in Jesus.
- All I have is a gift from God and He made me a steward of these resources.
- God is infinitely generous and can be trusted to care for me in exactly the best way...both of which are perfectly proven in the Cross.

So what do I do?

God doesn't want (or need) your money.
He wants your heart.

Psalm 50

I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹⁴ Offer to God a ***sacrifice of thanksgiving***,
and perform your vows to the Most High...

“How much do I need to give?”

3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

“Firstfruits” = giving to God first, before everything else.

Jesus told some to give all, others to give half, others to give 10%.

The issue isn't how much, but your object of worship.

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc, is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.”

- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

The very thing we want money to give us,
Has been purchased on our behalf by Jesus on the cross.

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and **favor** is better than silver or gold.

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1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we
should be called children of God; and so we are.

John 12:1-3

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

LIVING WISDOM