

# 1. God's Wisdom to Flourish Economically

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Sub-Title:

- We have recently completed our 40 Day Campaign
- We are still searching out God's wisdom concerning abundant living

**John 10:10-11 (HCSB)** *A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

- These are the words of Jesus - He explains the main purpose why He has come, namely, to give us abundant life (eternal life)
- NASB marginal note suggests: ... we may have life and have abundance
- Jesus has come to give us life and abundance
- The thief (satan) has come to steal, kill & destroy

## 1. God is concerned about the next Generation

**Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)** *A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.*

- Proverbs is considered one of the Wisdom Books of the Bible that communicates God's (practical) wisdom to humanity
- In God's mind, abundance (wealth) is supposed to be "intergenerational"
- Vs. 22 says: A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children
  - good man - 1<sup>st</sup> generation (of those concurrently alive)
  - his children - 2<sup>nd</sup> generation
  - his grandchildren - 3<sup>rd</sup> generation
- Inheritance – possessions (moneys, lands, houses, businesses, etc.)
- Everybody leaves a legacy, but not everybody leaves an inheritance
- (Legacy – of faith, prayer, integrity, diligence, etc.)

**Proverbs 13:22 (GNB)** *Good people will have wealth to leave to their grandchildren, but the wealth of sinners will go to the righteous.*

- The opponents of the prosperity message seem to suggest that people should live "from the hand to the mouth" (from pay check to pay check)

- It seems that in their mind, every generation needs to start with nothing & struggle to carve out a meagre living for themselves
- Yet in God's mind, wealth is supposed to be applied intergenerationally, where the current generation prepares for the next generations

## **2. Various “isms” promote anti-Biblical Economic Policies & Practices**

- Communism (Marxism) is principally against personal wealth
- It promotes wealth as owned & controlled by the state (the collective)
- (Poor generations can easily be controlled & dominated by the state)
- Extreme Capitalism promotes & produces corporate wealth
- (Major corporations control the population)
- The Bible, with its a Judeo-Christian worldview, promotes personal and family wealth, to be built, held & administered across family generations

**Psalm 112:1–3 (NKJV)** *Praise the Lord! Blessed is **the man** who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. **2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.** **3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.***

- Notice: Blessed is the man ... – this man is a family man, a father
- This man fears the Lord, and delights greatly in God's Word
- Vs. 2. His descendants will be mighty on the earth
- **Vs. 3 Wealth and riches will be in his house ...**
- A wealthy man can:
  - Get the best education for his descendants
  - Train his descendants in wealth creation & wealth management
  - And eventually, leave an inheritance for his children's children

### **A few general summary statements:**

- The N.T. largely (but not exclusively) promotes spiritual prosperity
- The O.T. promotes physical prosperity
- We are on safe grounds when we say:
  - The entirety of the Bible promotes spiritual and physical prosperity

## **3. Wisdom is the Principal Thing**

**Proverbs 4:5-9 (NKJV)** *Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. 6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. 9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”*

- David taught his son Solomon about wisdom & understanding (get both)
- Vs. 7. Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding
- Principal – beginning, chief, first, best
- Exalt & embrace wisdom (in your life), and:
  - She will promote you
  - She will bring you honour
  - She will place an ornament of grace on your head
  - She will deliver a crown of glory to you
- Remember, these are not just O.T. sayings, but timeless principles

**Proverbs 3:13–17 (NKJV)** *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; 14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. 16 **Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honor.** 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.*

- “Finding” Wisdom means we have to search for her (Proverbs 2:4)
- When we “find” Wisdom, she comes to bring us long life in her right hand, and with riches & honour in her left hand
- There is wisdom in God’s for all areas & facets of life:
  - Wisdom for relationships
  - Wisdom for the various sciences
  - Wisdom for health & longevity
  - Wisdom for handling finances
  - Etc.

#### **4. God’s Wisdom to govern a Nation**

- Without a doubt, the peace & prosperity of ancient Israel depended much on the godliness & wisdom of its king in governing the nation
- Ancient Israel reached its pinnacle of peace & prosperity under the reign of king David & king Solomon

- Neither David nor Solomon were communists – both were capitalists!
- (Think: Proverbs – God’s wisdom, written by king Solomon)
- Our General Elections in NZ will take place in less than 200 days
- Our task, in the leadup to the Elections, is to study & discern which political party has the most of God’s Wisdom in their Party Policies (& Promises), and which has the least
- God requires us to give our vote to the political party & the (local) political candidate that demonstrates God’s Wisdom the most
- (No political party or political candidate is perfect – yet, some operate with some of God’s wisdom, but many do not!)
- Giving our vote to communists would be a moral crime & a spiritual failure

**Deuteronomy 17:14–15 (NKJV)** *When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’ **15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.***

- God commanded His people to set the king over them whom He chose
- He said:
  - Don’t be (or do) like all the nations around you
  - Set a king over you from among your brethren, not a foreigner!
- What’s wrong with a foreigner?
- A foreigner will promote another “ism” instead of the wisdom of God
- In this context, to us, a “brother” is a person who operates from the Judeo-Christian worldview
- Anyone who operates with a foreign (imported) “ism” is not your brother
- If he (they) is your brother, he will:
  - Promoting the traditional family (gender ideology is of the devil)
  - Promoting personal responsibility
  - Promoting ownership of personal property
  - Promoting personal (& national) freedom & liberty
    - Freedom of speech
    - Freedom of movement
    - Freedom of expression
    - Freedom of religion (Christianity!)
    - Freedom of assembly
    - Medical freedom
  - Etc.