

7-Wisdom Workshop: Wealth

Centering will begin at 10 am



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Introduction

- Wisdom Workshops offered quarterly.
- Two week workshops:
- 1st Part: concept and 2nd Part: Application (honing of skill)
- In conjunction with sermon series.
- Goal is to develop and apply a biblical skill.

- Interpretative Paradigm: Christo-Hebraic Lens.
- 1st Quarter: Wise Words

- 2nd Quarter: Wise Worry

- 3rd Quarter: Wise Worship

- **4th Quarter: Wise Wealth**

Definition of Wealth

- 1) an abundance of valuable possessions or money.
- 2) the state of being rich; material prosperity.

Definition of Wealth from a Biblical Perspective

- 1) strength, ability, *army*, host, possessions
- 2) material prosperity.

Biblical Concept of Wealth

How could a biblical concept of wealth change our perspective and adjust the way we live our lives?

Ḥayil (Wealth in Hebrew) חַיִּל

- Exodus 14:4
- “Then I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his **army**, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.
- Numbers 31:9
- And the children of Israel took the women of Midian captive, with their little ones, and took as spoil all their cattle, all their flocks, and all their **goods**.

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- Joshua 10:7
- So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty *men of valor*.
- 2 Samuel 22:33
- God is my strength and *power*,
- And He makes my way perfect.

Pimplēmi (Root for Wealth in NT) = to fill, full

- Matthew 27:48
- Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, ***filled*** it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.
- Luke 1:15
- “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also ***be filled*** with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

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- Luke 4:28
- So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were ***filled*** with wrath,

Conclusion: Biblical Perspective on Wealth

- Wealth is anything about you have in abundance internally or externally or anything that is extremely powerful, prevalent in your life.
- Wealthy in complaints,
- Wealthy in anger,
- Wealthy in resentment,
- Wealthy in gratitude,
- Wealthy in compliments,
- Wealthy in friends (if friends are strong or many)
- Wealthy in worry

Biblical Wealth

Some forms of wealth are not constructive for your growth and some forms are helpful.

Wealth Inventory

Take a detailed inventory of everything in which you are wealth (based on the biblical framework we just learned).

Helpful Hints:

Start with your home(closets, garages, rooms)

Then take inventory of your most frequent thoughts and words in a day.

Most frequent emotions during a day. Strong, supportive reliable people in your life (friends and family)

Do an inventory check for a week, then write a final report of all your wealth. What observations and insights emerged?