

# Home Group Discussion Questions



*This study guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our sermon-based Home Groups in order to do this study together. Visit [crosspointsr.org/homegroups](http://crosspointsr.org/homegroups) to find a group for you!*

Read the following two verses that are only 3 verses apart: Proverbs 21:17 and 21:20. One commentary states that wine and oil are “The costly accessories of a princely banquet.” In other words, “wine and oil” are luxuries. According to these verses who has these? Who loves them? Is it wrong to have them? What is the difference between the person described in verse 17 and the person in verse 20? Is there a difference between what one focuses on versus the other? What do you conclude about money from these verses?

The only place in scripture where we are told to test God is in the area of tithing. Read Malachi 3:8-11. Read also Luke 6:38. Take time to share your experience in this area.

How do the following verses apply to your handling of the money God gives you? How do they influence your planning for the future? Is there a priority order in which you would put these verses?

1 Timothy 5:8, Proverbs 30:25, Proverbs 13:22, Proverbs 28:27.

What three principles of giving can you learn from this verse? 1 Corinthians 16:2.

Kirt called money a “power tool” that when used properly can build things or when used improperly can cause great harm. What warnings are there about money in the following verses?

1 Timothy 6:17-19

1 Timothy 6:10

Proverbs 11:28

Proverbs 21:5

Proverbs 22:4

Proverbs 22:7

Proverbs 27:23-24

Proverbs 28:22

With what was taught on Sunday and the information above, has your view of wealth building and money changed? Has your view of giving changed?

Consider: God prospers us not to raise our standard of living, but to raise our standard of giving. The church at Corinth experienced this in 2 Corinthians 9:11 – “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” One author said, “Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving.” No one can tell you how much to give, but you need to decide if you are giving the way you would like to harvest.