

Money Wi\$e

Earning (Proverbs 3:12-20) Pastor Tim Peck Money Wise pt. 2

THE BIG IDEA

When we use our capacity earn money diligently and within the wise limits God has given us, we will honor God and contribute to other people's flourishing.

OPENING

- What was your first job?
- What helps keep you motivated in your tasks?

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Proverbs 3:13-20. Why is wisdom better than riches? What does wisdom promise in vv. 17-18?
- Pastor Tim likened wisdom as being like the woodgrain in a piece of wood. God placed this wisdom in the world when God created the world (see Proverbs 3:19). Wise people learn to live with the grain of God's wisdom. Unwise people live against the grain of God's wisdom. Why do you think God placed this wisdom in the world? How do we discover it?
- Our capacity to earn money is God's gift to us. Our diligence to use that capacity is our gift back to God and to other people. What do the following verses say about diligence? Proverbs 10:4; 14:23; 23:33-34.
- According to Pastor Tim, the Fourth Commandment ("Keep the Sabbath") places a limitation on earning money. Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. What reasons does God give for keeping the Sabbath?

- Read Ecclesiastes 5:10 and 1 Timothy 6:10. Why is greed so dangerous? What can it do to a Christian?

PUTTING IT TO WORK

- What's one area that you're having trouble getting motivated right now? Ask your group to pray for diligence.

- What's one thing you can learn to increase your capacity? Share it with the group. What steps will you take to build this capacity.

PRAYER REQUESTS