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# Daily Devotional - God's Grace and Our Finances

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#### **Proverbs 3:9-10**

If you knew that something you desired could destroy your life, would you keep chasing after it? The Bible warns about a certain kind of pursuit that can cause one to:

- 1) Fall into sin.
- 2) Be mastered by foolish wishes.
- 3) Engage in activities that erode character.
- 4) Plunge into moral ruin.
- 5) Wander from faith.

In spite of these dire warnings, many people are still ruled by a longing to get rich.

There is nothing wrong with being affluent, as long as we follow God's rules for wise living. Specifically, we are to honor Him with our money, which includes acknowledging that He is the rightful owner (Proverbs 3:9; Psalms 50:10). And we're also to give it cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7). The desire for riches becomes a sin when accumulation is among our highest priorities. If that is the case, the god we end up serving is money.

Believers are to live by grace in every aspect of their lives, including finances. That means we surrender wages, portfolio, and charitable giving into God's hands. Furthermore, we accept what He gives as enough, even when the bank account seems low by the world's standards. He has promised to supply our needs, so we're to regard financial gains and losses as part of His will and plan.

I am not preaching a message that suggests godly people are rewarded with riches. Poverty and tough times are as common to believers as to unbelievers. However, the Bible promises that if we live by God's grace, He will provide amply for whatever we need (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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