

Principle of Provision

1. God's Provision through Work
 - A. What does the Bible say about work?
 - 1) Man is designed for work – Genesis 2:15 (2)
 - 2) God's provision for our material needs is met through work
 - a. We should work to provide for our needs – 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 (1150)
 - b. Work brings a profit – Proverbs 14:23 (628)
 - 3) God desires that we find satisfaction in our work – Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 (648)
 - a. Enjoyment and satisfaction in our work is from God
 - b. This leads to wisdom knowledge and happiness
 - 4) There are times that God provides through other means – Acts 4:34-35 (1059)
 - B. How are we to go about our work?
 - 1) We are to commit our work to God – Proverbs 16:3 (630)
 - 2) We are to quietly attend to our business – 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (1148)
 - 3) We are to seek God's favor in the work of our hands – Psalm 90:17 (581)
 - 4) We are to work as for God – Colossians 3:17, 23-24 (1144)
2. God's Provision through wise spending
 - A. Provision is managed through careful planning
 - 1) Planning protects what we have – Proverbs 21:5 (635)
 - a. Planning extends our resources
 - b. Lack of planning results in wasteful decisions
 - 2) We must manage the resources God has given us – Proverbs 21:20 (636)
 - 3) Careful planning demonstrates faithfulness with what God has given us – Luke 16:10-11 (1014)
 - 4) Counting the cost is important in many areas of life – Luke 14:28-30 (1012)
 - B. We need to prioritize everything we do – Matthew 16:26 (951)
 - C. Be wary of coveting what other people have – Luke 12:15 (1009)
 - D. Financial planning is living wisely – Ephesians 5:15-17 (1136)