

Principle of Security

1. Money and material security are not our ultimate source of security.
 - A. Safety and security are found in God – Psalm 16
 - 1) The Psalmist's plea – vs. 1
 - 2) God is our source for all good things – vs. 2 (See also James 1:17)
 - 3) Those who worship other gods will suffer even more – vs. 4
 - 4) God's provision is our security – vs. 5
 - 5) We are protected by God's boundary lines – vs. 6 (This implies that we will not be free from problems but those problems will be limited)
 - 6) We have an inheritance – vs. 6 (Some of our rewards are yet future)
 - 7) We have the counsel of God as our resource – vs. 7-8
 - 8) Our ultimate destiny is eternal life in Heaven – vs. 9-10
 - 9) We can have joy now and eternal pleasures -vs 11
 - B. Trust in material things is misplaced – Psalm 127:1-2
 - C. Does this mean we have no responsibility for our future? No!
2. Part of God's provision is the resources to save for the future
 - A. Nature illustrates the need and responsibility to save for the future – Proverbs 6:6-11
 - 1) Times of plenty are for saving up for the future – vs. 6-8
 - 2) Laziness leads to poverty – vs. 9-11
 - B. God provides for us through hard work and saving – Proverbs 10:3-5
 - C. The example of Joseph demonstrates how this works – Genesis 41:46-55
 - 1) Joseph supervised saving during the good years – vs. 46-49
 - 2) Distribution during the lean years saved the nation – vs. 53-55
 - D. Never trust in dishonest or get-rich-quick schemes. They will fail. Saving is slow and steady – Proverbs 13:11
3. The major enemy of our security is debt
 - A. Debt is the equivalent of slavery – Proverbs 22:7
 - B. The Bible warns about debt – Proverbs 6:1-5
 - 1) We must stop agreeing to debt
 - 2) We must diligently seek to get out of debt
 - C. Dangers that lead to debt
 - 1) Love of money and lack of contentment will lead to debt – Hebrews 13:5
 - 2) Living beyond our means, rather than below our means will lead to debt – Proverbs 13:7