

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

SERMON NOTES

Save

Proverbs 21:20-26

Luke 14:28-33

“Having gained all you can, by honest wisdom and unwearied diligence, the second rule of Christian prudence is, save all you can”

John Wesley

The foolishness of waste...

“Despise delicacy and variety, and be content with what plain nature requires.”

“Waste no part of it in curiously adorning your houses; in superfluous or expensive furniture; in costly pictures, painting, gilding, books; in elegant rather than useful gardens.”

“Lay out nothing to... gain the admiration or praise of men... do not buy their applause so dear. Rather be content with the honor that cometh from God.”

“Who would expend anything in gratifying these desires if he considered that to gratify them is to increase them? Nothing can be more certain than this: Daily experience shows, the more they are indulged, they increase the more. What manner of wisdom is this?”

The foolishness of debt...

*“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.”
Proverbs 22:7*

*“The average Christian pays more in interest than he gives to
the Lord’s work.”
Larry Burkett*

The wisdom of planning for the future...

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you”
Luke 14:28-30

The wisdom of planning for the unknown...

“The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp their down.”
Proverbs 20:20

Additional Notes:

Wise Tips for Saving \$

- Spend less than you earn
- Pay off debt, as fast as you can, starting with high-interest-rate credit cards and loans
- Save at least 10%, ideally in an interest-earning account
- Three kinds of saving: emergency, short-term needs, long-term needs

Questions for further thought, conversation and reflection...

- Why is saving wise, and debt foolish?
- How much does your debt compare to your savings?
- How much are you paying in interest versus how much you are earning in interest?
- What expenses could you reduce, in order to save more money?
- What's the difference between saving and hoarding?
- Why does God care about saving money?