

Cultivate Reflection Guide

Unbreakable: Finding Financial Wisdom in an Age of Fools Pastor Matt Brown | September 10-11, 2022

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King Solomon was blessed with the wisdom of God, and from that wisdom he wrote a short book of his greatest advice for his son to live by. Studying Proverbs has given people throughout history the wisdom to navigate a godly, secure, blessed life, and we need that wisdom today, more than ever.

Our Reflection Guide is a tool to help you grow spiritually wise, relationally kind and emotionally healthy. Use it to start a REAL conversation in community or to cultivate God's word into your life through personal bible study. Choose the questions that encourage you to reflect and respond to what we're learning. Pair it with your bible, a journal or any resource that helps you learn. *It's not about getting through the content, but getting the content through you!*

Read: [Proverbs 30:7-9 NLT](#). How do these verses instruct, encourage or challenge you?

Reflect & Respond:

1. Pastor Matt challenged us to be REAL about our finances SO THAT we grow wiser, NOT grow bitter. How would you describe your financial health – are you content where you are, clueless with what you have, chasing every want or comparing “yours” with “theirs”? What, if any, consequences have you experienced as a result?
2. Do you **pray for wisdom** in your finances? If so, how have you experienced God's blessing, provision or protection? If not, what has kept you from inviting God into this area of your life?
 - In which of these areas can you commit to pray more – over what you earn, spend or give?
3. The wise person values **integrity** over **wealth**.
 - [Read Proverbs 11:4 NLT](#). Think of a time you faced the choice between doing the right thing and doing the easy thing. For better or for worse – what did you learn?
 - Integrity has no expiration date. If you can still fix what is broken, make amends or choose the honorable path, how can you make that happen?
4. The wise person **works hard** while they can. How have you experienced the rewards of discipline, sacrifice and hard work? This could be in your life or in the life of someone who modeled this for you.
5. Given the season of life you're in today, how do you need to live more wisely?
 - I need to learn, then live, within my limits
 - I need to seek wisdom to prepare for the future
 - I need to lead and guide [a.k.a. disciple] others
 - I need to honor God where I am and with what I have

Prayer: Lord, I want to be honor you with my finances. Forgive me for the times I haven't asked you what to do with my money or even recognized all you've already provided. Change my perspective so that what I earn, spend and give honors you first. Show me how to live in a way that values integrity and wisdom over wealth, and help me to resist the temptation to compare and compromise so that instead I can plan and prepare. Amen.

Dig Deeper Opportunity

[Read Proverbs 12:15 ESV](#). God doesn't bless the fool. It's okay not to know something, but it's not okay to stay that way. Is there anywhere in your life you're so convinced you're right that you've become unwilling to seek, ask for or listen to advice? Invite God to search you heart and show you where and how you need to pursue wisdom.