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***Wealth and Poverty***  
***Proverbs 8:18–21***  
***November 16, 2014***

- I. God blesses the righteous with wealth. Proverbs 8:18–21, 22:4, 13:11
  
- II. Two causes of poverty.
  - A. Foolishness. Proverbs 10:4–5
  
  - B. Injustice and oppression. Proverbs 13:23
  
- III. The wise must show concern for the poor. Proverbs 22:9, 28:27, 29:14
  
- IV. Know the limitations of wealth.
  - A. Things more valuable than wealth. Proverbs 15:17, 16:16, 22:1, 28:6
  
  - B. Wealth brings a new set of challenges and temptations. Proverbs 13:8, 30:7–9
  
  - C. It can't save from the day of wrath. Proverbs 11:4, Matthew 16:26

Questions for reflection:

- *What are the dangers or snares connected with wealth? What are some of the challenges that are created by wealth?*
- *What would you say are some of the chief reasons for the poverty we see in our nation today?*
- *How is Jesus an example of showing concern for the poor?*
- *In what ways can we show concern for the poor?*