

“7 Ways to Acquire Enduring Wealth”
Series: “Character Counts”
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Introduction:

1. _____ the Lord with your _____.

Character need: _____

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Prov 3:9,10

2. Acquire in _____, not _____.

Character need: _____

Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death. The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry but he thwarts the craving of the wicked. Prov 10:2,3

3. Acquire through _____.

Character need: _____

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Prov 11:24,25

4 safeguards:

a) Don't put up _____ for someone else

He who puts up security for another will surely suffer,
but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe. Prov 11:15

b) Don't give to the _____.

The leech has two daughters. 'Give! Give!' they cry. Prov 30:15

c) Give to the _____.

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it,
when it is in your power to act. Prov 3:27

d) Don't feed the _____.

Under three things the earth trembles, under four it cannot bear up:
a servant who becomes king, a fool who is full of food... Prov 30:21-22

4. Acquire through _____, not laziness.

Character need: _____

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. Prov 6:6-11

5. Acquire through _____, not indulgence.

Character need: _____

He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich. Prov 21:17

6. Acquire _____ patiently.

Character need: _____

Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow. Prov 13:11

7. Balance _____ with _____ in God.

Character needs: _____ labor, _____ faith.

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field. You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed you and your family and to nourish your servant girls. Prov 27:23-27

- a) Warning: Don't be _____ in your prosperity.
- b) Find _____ in doing a good job.
- c) Understand the _____ of your work.
- d) Depend on _____ through your work!

Conclusion: