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## 1 Kings 3:11-12

So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,

## 1 Kings 3:11-12

I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

## 1 Kings 10:23-24

King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. <sup>24</sup>The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart.

## 1 Kings 10:6-7

She said to the king, "The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true.

## 1 Kings 10:6-7

But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard."

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"Take this job & shove it" audio

#### Genesis 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

#### Proverb 10:4

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

#### Proverb 12:11

Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense.

#### Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup>since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

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#### Proverbs 6:6-8

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! <sup>7</sup>It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, <sup>8</sup>yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

#### Proverb 21:20

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

#### Proverb 30:25

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;



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#### Proverb 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

#### Proverb 11:24

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

#1

"Is the fact that you've entrusted me with so many resources an indication you have given me the gift of giving and you want me to learn to exercise it more frequently and skillfully?"

#2

"What am I holding onto that's robbing me of present joy and future reward? What am I keeping that's preventing me from having to depend on you? What do you want me to release that could restore me to a walk of faith?"

#3

"In light of 2 Corinthians 8:14 and 9:11, do you want me to assume that each financial blessing you entrust to me is not intended to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving?"

#4

"If I make a list of all assets you've entrusted to me, and ask what you want me to give away, is there anything I'm leaving off the list? Is there anything I'm treating as if it were untouchable, as if it were mine, not yours? Retirement funds? Don't they belong to you too?"

#5

"Would you ever say to me, when I stand before your judgment seat, 'You blew it—you sold those shares and gave them to feed the hungry and evangelize the lost, and then two years later the market peaked'? Or would you say 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'?"

#6

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"Why do I want to hold on to my wealth? Am I trying to prove something? Is it pride? Power? Prestige? Selfishness? Insecurity? Fear? Or is it just because it's normal, and I'm going with the flow of my culture? Do you want me to go with that flow? Or to do something different, maybe radically different?"

#8

"Am I living to hear others say of me 'he's a great success' or to have you say to me, 'Well done my good and faithful servant'?"

#9

"Am I hanging onto excess money as a backup plan in case you fail me? Is my fear limiting my giving, because I imagine I must provide everything for myself in case something goes wrong? Considering the vast majority of people in history and most in the world today have nothing stored up for retirement, am I too preoccupied with my retirement fund? Are you calling me to work without a net—or with less of a net—trusting you'll catch me in case of a fall?"

#10

"Has money become my idol? Are material assets competing with you for lordship over my life? Is generous giving your lifeline to rescue me from bondage, your leverage to allow me to tear down the idols? If materialism is the disease, is giving the only cure?"

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