

Saving

Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. II Corinthians 12:14

-In this verse, a universal truth is seen and acknowledged as wise. A family looks ahead with a desire to be wise and prepares as is proper for the coming need.

He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. Proverbs 10:5

-The wise man foresees the coming need and prepares for it. This is not out of love for money but out of a God-given responsibility to work and provide within God-ordained boundaries.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. Proverbs 6:6-11

-The ants work hard and lay up food for a long winter. The lazy man does not work nor does he save and then when the supply runs out he finds himself in need.

And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. Luke 15:11-13

-A wise son will invest and use wisely what God has given. A foolish son squanders it until there is no more and then finds himself in need.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. I Corinthians 4:2

-Money and possessions are things given to God's stewards by God. Money is one of those things we are to handle it wisely.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. I Corinthians 16:2-3

-A major reason for saving is so we will have in order to give to others when the need arises.