• Little <u>Compromises</u>:

Proverbs 24:30 I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man without sense;

³¹ and lo, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.

³² Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction.

³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

³⁴ and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

Responsibility #5: _____.

Proverbs 22:3 A <u>prudent</u> man sees danger and takes refuge, but the <u>simple</u> keep going and suffer for it.

Proverbs 30:24 Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: [25] Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;

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

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Responsibility

How God Uses Money to Shape Us—pt 2

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God takes primary responsibility to provide resources, but we have a secondary and important responsibility, too.

Responsibility #1:

_God.

Deut. 17:1 Do not sacrifice to the Lord your God an ox or a sheep that has any defect or flaw in it, for that would be detestable to him.

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; [10] then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Responsibility #2: Pay your _____ASAP.

1 Timothy 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. [28] Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow"--when you now have it with you.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Responsibility #3: ______.

Proverbs 27:23 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; [24] for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.

Proverbs 27:25 When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, [26] the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field.

Responsibility #4: _____.

6 Enemies of Diligence:

• Good <u>Intentions</u>:

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit but <u>mere talk</u> leads only to poverty.

• <u>Haste</u>:

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the <u>diligent</u> lead to profit as surely as <u>haste</u> leads to poverty.

• <u>Laziness</u>:

Proverbs 21:25 The sluggard's <u>craving</u> will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.

Proverbs 6:6 *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!*

Proverbs 6:7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, [8] yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

• **Procrastination**:

Proverbs 12:27 The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions.

• Excuses:

Proverbs 22:13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!"