

Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon **Wisdom on Wealth IV – Dec 2, 2012**

(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)

I. **Getting to Know You** (*Questions for Group Discussion*):

- a. Do you tend to save everything or toss everything? Why?
- b. What is something you regret losing, selling or giving away?
- c. Are you a game player? What kind of games do you most like to play?

II. **Getting into the Bible:**

Points from Sunday's Message:

- a. **Reduce your debt** (Proverbs 22:7; 22:26-27; Romans 13:7)
- b. **Save all you can** (Proverbs 22:3; 21:20; 27:23-27)
- c. **Diversify your holdings** (Ecclesiastes 11:1-2)
- d. **Jesus has paid our sin debt and saved us unto God.**
We are now co-heirs with Jesus and have received an inheritance that will never perish spoil or fade. (Eph. 2:1-9; Rom 8:16-17; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

III. **Getting into Life:**

- a. When should charity be a "*gift*," and when should it be in the form of a "*charitable loan*"?
Discuss your thoughts on the following counsel:

- i. There is a time to lend:

A time to lend would be when there is a legitimate need but a gift would lead to a loss of dignity or potential irresponsible behavior on the part of the recipient (based on the recipient's history).

- ii. There is a time to give:

A time to give would be when there is a legitimate need not created by unwise decisions or actions and a gift would both genuinely bless the receiver and glorify God.

- iii. There is a time to do neither:

A time to refrain from lending or giving would be when the need is not a legitimate need and the gift would be used in an unwise or irresponsible manner.

- b. Which do you find most personally challenging: (a) getting out of debt, (b) saving, (c) investing for the future, or (d) giving to a need? Why?