

Proverbs: Life Principle # 7 – People Over Profits
Proverbs 15:17

Life Principle #7: People over Profits – the quality of your life is determined more by the quality of your _____ than the quantity of your _____.

Application

Prayer: Father, help me use _____ and love _____, not love _____ and use _____.

Three Practical Ways to Use Things and Love People

1. _____
2. Do your part to _____ damaged relationships.
3. Spend time with _____ people.

More money would make me happier.

Prov. 15:17

17 Better is a dish of vegetables where love is (Poor in possessions. Rich in relationships.)
Than a fattened ox served with hatred. (Rich in possessions. Poor in relationships.)

People are more important than possessions.

You should love people more than possessions.

Life Principle #7: **Living for What Matters: the quality of your life is determined more by the quality of your relationships than the quantity of your possessions.**

The problem of possessions: Possessions provide a short-term high, but often lead to long-term stress and insecurity.

Proverbs 23:4

4 Do not weary yourself to gain wealth,
Cease from your consideration of *it*.

Proverbs 23:5

5 When you set your eyes on it, it is gone.
For *wealth* certainly makes itself wings
Like an eagle that flies *toward* the heavens.

1 Tim. 6:9

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

1 Timothy 6:10

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Application

For a happier life, pray this prayer... Father, help me use things and love people, not love things and use people.

3 practical ways to use things and love people

4. Give.

Luke 16:9

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

1 John 3:17

¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

5. Do your part to restore damaged relationships.

Romans 12:18

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

6. Spend time with life-giving people.

Which of the following would make you happier?

1. More money.

2. A daily walk.

Notes for YouVersion

Life Hacks: Living for What Matters (Proverbs 15:17)

Prov. 15:17

17 Better is a dish of vegetables where love is
Than a fattened ox served with hatred.

Prov. 17:1

1 Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it
Than a house full of feasting with strife.

- Life Hack #8: **Living for What Matters**: the quality of your life is determined by the quality of your **relationships**, not the quantity of **your possessions**.
- Q: What is the single biggest predictor of a person's overall quality of life?
Answer: The quality of their relationships.

EVALUATION: Symptoms you're valuing money above people.

1. You fight about money or possessions.
2. You worry about money or possessions. (Stay awake at night, constantly on your mind.)
3. You work tirelessly for money or possessions.

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APPLICATION

1. **Budget**
2. **Downsize**
3. Spend time with **people**.

- “If I were to give one piece of advice for how to be happier, it would be to carve out more time to spend with friends and loved ones, because... the best predictor of happiness is the quality of our social relationships.” – Dr. Timothy D. Wilson, Professor of Psychology at the University of Virginia.
- Take a **walk** with your spouse or a friend. Taking a daily walk is more likely to improve your happiness and quality of life than making more money.

4. Put **people** before **profits**.

- a. Before making decisions, ask “how will this impact people”?
- b. Use your money to build relationships. Don't use your relationships to build money.