WISDOM REGARDING MONEY
(Selected Scriptures from Proverbs)

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   The way you manage God's money is:

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   Your power to derive wealth comes from God.

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1. Prov. 3:9-10 -

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B. Help <u>others</u> in need with your money

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1. Prov. 3:27-28 -

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