



“A WISE MAN!” - By Mary Mayko

**Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.” V.13-14
“Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding: for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.”**

**“A man who had lived without much earthy wealth,
And he did not always walk in perfect health.
Yes he was rich in his heart and had a willing soul.
He knew his life was complete when Christ made him whole!**

**With knowledge of God, wisdom of heart and a skillful hand,
He was never one to hoard earthly goods, but a generous man!
He knew it took much more than money to succeed,
And he trusted the LORD to fulfill every need.**

**He would talk of the treasures of God’s amazing grace,
While tears of joy flowed like rivers down his face!
He would work and sing, preach and teach and pray
And the wealth of his knowledge blessed us every day!**

**His faith never wavered in hardships or time of strife,
Although many troubles and trials came his way in life.
Reading his Bible daily, the Word he wisely understood,
That God’s plan was working all things out for his good.**

**A wise man completed his journey with peace of spirit and mind,
A godly influence on all who knew him, for he was so very kind.
True happiness now he really enjoys, no more tears to shed,
As he rests among his rewards and treasures he carefully sent ahead!**

**The wise man that truly lives now for his Savior and Lord,
Will someday find a great delight and reap a fine reward.
On that wonderful day when his mansion is finished up above,
He will dwell forever in the presence of God’s holy love!**

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In memory of her Dad, Charles Floyd Price
1899-1976
At rest with the LORD!**

“MAN AND HIS MONEY!”

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Money, money, money!
It's on so many people's mind!
Some have plenty, but for others it's hard to find!
Thoughts about it,
effects us all it seems *some* way,
Since the topic is talked about almost every day!



Meet Generous Joe, such a wonderful man!
He gives so freely by sharing all he can!
He sees a need that touches his heart and loves to give,
Without worry of earthly goods, just a place to live!

Now here's Selfish Sammy who thinks he's really *hot!*
It seems he *never even given* a second thought
To helping others or doing any good deeds,
For his main concern is for his own personal needs!

Miserly Millie lives in a miserable old shack.
A cranky old woman with no decent clothes on her back!
She hoards most of her money, hardly spends a cent!
Her life and her fortune all wasted, not wisely spent!

Ole "Goodtime Gus" always picks up the check,
But lives on Credit Cards in debt up to his neck!
He's a *feel good* big time tipper, but can't save a cent,
Broke most of the time, can't even pay his rent!

The Tyler Twins aren't *really alike, you'll soon know!*
For *Ted loves to tithe* and seems the LORD blesses him so!
While Tom barely gets by, so at God he is really sore!
"I *can't afford* to tithe and I just won't give anymore!"

Wise Willie is a thoughtful, caring and planning man.
He takes care of details for his family, while he still can!
His plans for the future he doesn't leave to chance,
But gives first to God and watches his holdings advance!

Now, out the *very different* lives of these seven,
Which ones have laid up their treasures in Heaven?
Are you tithing, wisely planning and generous in all you do?
The real question now is a challenge, WHICH one are YOU?

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LIFE FROM THE ASHES

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God has promised when we fall we will arise!
So be careful now, not to listen to Satan's lies!

Although we have failed to keep His perfect way,
We must take heed to what the scriptures say!

When those you've once trusted, come against you now,
Don't be overwhelmed, God will help you through it somehow!

Don't sit there all alone grieving and sadly forlorn,
He promised to comfort us when we sit in ashes and mourn!

He gives us the oil of joy and a garment of praise,
Lifts our heaviness by his power that will amaze!

Let your spirit soar above the ashes and dust,
As we let our hopes rise and in him we trust!

He knows how to mend our broken hearts,
As he brings quiet rest and his peace he imparts.

We find favor with God when thru him we've won.
He sent His Word to heal us, when to him we come.

He'll give us double blessings when we endured some shame,
And everlasting joy as we call upon His name!

We are no longer clothed in ashes, but garments of praise,
We will be thankful for his goodness and love him all our days!

**Isa. 61:1-11 V.3 "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of
righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified."**