



INTRODUCTION

YOLO—Part 7

YOLO may be a popular cliché phrase, but the meaning behind it is significant. The expression conveys that we should go for it. Seize the day. Take risks. Make the most of the days we have, because—you only live once.

As Christians, what should our perspective be? Moses wrote “Teach us to number our days carefully, so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts.” Because we only have one life to live, we should learn to live it wisely. Let’s take a deeper dive into the meaning behind the phrase. Throughout this relevant new series, we’ll explore the book of Proverbs and find out what it means for us to live life to the fullest.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been poor? If so, what was it like? How did people treat you?
2. Read Proverbs 14:20 and Proverbs 19:7. Do you think most people have a positive or negative view of the poor? Explain your answer. Why do you think this is the case?
3. In a country as wealthy as ours, why do you think we still have the poor among us?
4. Read Proverbs 11:24-26, 14:21, 19:17 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. What do we learn from these verses about the good that will result in our own lives if we are generous to the poor?
5. Read Proverbs 22:2; 14:31 and 21:13. Why does it matter to God that we care for the poor? What may happen if we close our ears to their needs?
6. We need to be discerning when it comes to giving to the needy. There are some people we shouldn’t help. Can you think of some occasions where we should give to someone? What are some things that might help us determine when to give and when not to give?

APPLICATION

How should we feel about those who are poor or needy? When should we give and when should we not? Do we have a responsibility to those poorer than us? We tend to view poor people as lazy or deserving of their status. We assume they have bad habits or waste their money. Sometimes these things might be true, but some people are born into poverty—they didn’t get a good or fair start in life.

It’s easy to look down on others when we aren’t in need. It’s hard to relate to suffering if we’re not going through it. It’s natural to hold on to our own things and not want to share what we’ve earned with others. But God loves when we care for others—especially those in need. From God’s perspective, a person’s worth is not based on what they own. It is based on the fact that each person was created in the image of God. He wants to meet the needs of the poor through other people—through us. He could take care of their needs, but he chooses to bless us by giving us the privilege to meet other’s needs. We have been called to be the hands and feet of Christ. When we care for the poor, we are honoring God.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Proverbs 14:20-21, 31
Proverbs 19:7
Proverbs 22:2
Proverbs 21:13
Proverbs 11:24-26
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 3:10-11
Psalm 41:1