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CONTENT MODULE SUMMARY SHEET

## **Subject of Business: THE GREAT DANGER**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Randy Pope is a Pastor, and President of “Life on Life Ministries.” This non-profit focuses on Leadership Development — a subject Randy is well acquainted with after leading Perimeter Church, one of the most consistently growing churches in Atlanta. Randy has great wisdom to share with Iron Forums members through multiple subjects we can all learn from. In this series of interviews with Randy and Iron Forums Visionary, Gary Smith, we’ll cover various subjects ranging from Kingdom-to-Culture and Faith-to-Focus that you can apply to your business and your life.

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### **SCRIPTURE**

*“Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”*

— Proverbs 30: 7-9

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### **CONTENT**

The wisdom writer of Proverbs asked God for two things:

1. To keep falsehood and lies away
2. To have neither poverty nor riches

Honesty is the foundation to a healthy life. The moment lies creep into our lives we experience hardships.

No one wishes for poverty, and the request “to not have riches” seems odd at first glance.

Riches expand well beyond just money.

You may be rich in intelligence, beauty, athleticism, career growth, or even pastoral growth.

Every high in life is accompanied with a warning.

Top athletes may have arrogance, and beauty queens may have consuming pride.

God never says that riches are inherently bad.

The great danger comes once you start striving for the riches and making it an idol in your life.

Both riches and poverty can be hard.

We should hope for moderation as that is when God seems the clearest to us.

However, God may call us to hardship in poverty and we must know that God will bless us or He may raise us to riches in which instance we must remember His grace and power.

The key is to find peace in the place you are called.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you ask for if you had the opportunity to ask God for two things?

2. One of the Iron Forums values is “Truth” (God’s Truth with a capital “T”).  
Randy shares that this is the first thing the author of Proverbs asks for.

Why do you think that could be the easiest way to live your life AND run your business?

3. Knowing yourself, what riches do you have that could become idols if you don’t look for warnings indicating potential danger ahead? (money, property, popularity, etc.)

What could these become and look like in excess?

4. As a leader in your family and business, you may have the opportunity to spot potential for the entire family or team to get caught up in the excess of riches (not just the financial type, either).  
What are some ways you could combat that?