

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**Text :** Proverbs 23: 1 - 5

**Title :** Deceptive Desires

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1. When you sit down to eat with a ruler  
Observe carefully what is before you,
2. And put a knife to your throat  
If you are given to appetite.
3. Do not desire his delicacies,  
For they are deceptive food.
4. Do not toil to acquire wealth;  
Be discerning enough to desist.
5. When your eyes light on it, it is gone,  
For suddenly it sprouts wings,  
Flying like an eagle toward heaven.

The passage is about money, yet it begins with how to behave when dining with a ruler.

Food given by a ruler can be good but deceptive, as the ruler's motives may not be good.

Money is good but those behind the generation and the use of money may not be good.

We need to go what is behind rulers and money, in order not to be deceived.

When God is put first, we will not be easily deceived.

We need to be cautious when keeping company with those who rule and with money.

Our desire for human praise and for what money can buy can lead us to being deceived.

Our primary desire should be for God and God's righteousness, not for food or money.