

Notes

101 Biblical Proverbs about Money

Righteous Living

Proverbs 10:2

² Ill-gotten gains do not profit anyone, but righteousness rescues from death.

Proverbs 11:4

⁴ Wealth is not profitable on a day of wrath, but righteousness rescues from death.

Proverbs 11:18

¹⁸ The wicked person earns an empty wage, but the one who sows righteousness, a true reward

Proverbs 13:21

²¹ Disaster pursues sinners, but good rewards the righteous.

Proverbs 15:6

⁶ The house of the righteous has great wealth, but trouble accompanies the income of the wicked.

Proverbs 17:3

³ A crucible for silver, and a smelter for gold, and the LORD is the tester of hearts.

Proverbs 19:1

¹ Better a poor person who lives with integrity than someone who has deceitful lips and is a fool.

Proverbs 22:1

¹ A good name is to be chosen over great wealth; favor is better than silver and gold.

Wealth in Wisdom and Knowledge

Proverbs 2:3-4

³ furthermore, if you call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure.

Proverbs 3:13-14

¹³ Happy is a man who finds wisdom and who acquires understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver, and her revenue is better than gold.

Proverbs 8:10-11

¹⁰ Accept my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. ¹¹ For wisdom is better than jewels, and nothing desirable can equal it.

Proverbs 9:10

¹⁰ "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Proverbs 15:16

¹⁶ Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure with turmoil.

Proverbs 16:8

⁸ Better a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.

Proverbs 16:16

¹⁶ Get wisdom - how much better it is than gold! And get understanding - it is preferable to silver.

Proverbs 17:16

¹⁶ Why does a fool have money in his hand with no intention of buying wisdom.

Proverbs 20:15

¹⁵ There is gold and a multitude of jewels, but knowledgeable lips are a rare treasure.

Hard Work

Proverbs 6:6-8

⁶ Go to the ant, you slacker! Observe its ways and become wise.

⁷ Without leader, administrator, or ruler, ⁸ it prepares its provisions in summer; it gathers its food during harvest.

Proverbs 6:10-11

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the arms to rest,

¹¹ and your poverty will come like a robber, your need, like a bandit.

Proverbs 10:4

⁴ Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring riches.

Proverbs 10:5

⁵ The son who gathers during summer is prudent; the son who sleeps during harvest is disgraceful.

Proverbs 12:11

¹¹ The one who works his land will have plenty of food, but whoever chases fantasies lacks sense.

Proverbs 13:4

⁴ The slacker craves, yet has nothing, but the diligent is fully satisfied.

Proverbs 13:11

¹¹ Wealth obtained by fraud will dwindle, but whoever earns it through labor will multiply it.

Proverbs 14:23

²³ There is profit in all hard work, but endless talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 20:13

¹³ Don't love sleep, or you will become poor; open your eyes, and you'll have enough to eat.

Proverbs 21:5

⁵ The plans of the diligent certainly lead to profit but anyone who is reckless certainly becomes poor.

Proverbs 24:33-34

³³ a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the arms to rest,

³⁴ and your poverty will come like a robber, and your need, like a bandit.

Proverbs 28:19

¹⁹ The one who works his land will have plenty of food, but whoever chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

Debt and Lending

Proverbs 11:15

¹⁵ If someone puts up security for a stranger, he will suffer for it, but the one who hates such agreements is protected.

Proverbs 17:18

¹⁸ One without sense enters an agreement and puts up security for his friend.

Proverbs 22:7

⁷ The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a slave to the lender.

Proverbs 22:26-27

²⁶ Don't be one of those who enter agreements, who puts up security for loans. ²⁷ If you have nothing with which to pay, even your bed will be taken from under you.

Proverbs 27:13

¹³ Take his garment, for he has put up security for a stranger; get collateral if it is for foreigners.

Stewardship and Investments

Proverbs 10:16

¹⁶ The reward of the righteous is life; the wages of the wicked is punishment.

Proverbs 13:22

²² A good man leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Proverbs 20:21

²¹ An inheritance gained prematurely will not be blessed ultimately.

Proverbs 27:23-24

²³ Know well the condition of your flock, and pay attention to your herds, ²⁴ for wealth is not forever; not even a crown lasts for all time.

Proverbs 31:16

¹⁶ She evaluates a field and buys it; she plants a vineyard with her earnings.

Proverbs 31:20

²⁰ Her hands reach out to the poor, and she extends her hands to the needy.

Giving (cont.)

Proverbs 19:17

¹⁷ Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and he will give a reward to the lender.

Proverbs 22:9

⁹ A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 28:27

²⁷ The one who gives to the poor will not be in need, but one who turns his eyes away will receive many curses.

Wealth

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; ¹⁰ then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 8:18-21

¹⁸ With me are riches and honor, lasting wealth and righteousness.
¹⁹ My fruit is better than solid gold, and my harvest than pure silver. ²⁰ I walk in the ways of righteousness, along the paths of justice, ²¹ giving wealth as an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

Proverbs 10:22

²² The LORD'S blessing enriches, and he adds no painful effort to it.

Proverbs 14:24

²⁴ The crown of the wise is their wealth, but the foolishness of fools produces foolishness.

Proverbs 19:4

⁴ Wealth attracts many friends, but a poor person is separated from his friend.

Proverbs 21:6

⁶ Making a fortune through a lying tongue is a vanishing mist, a pursuit of death.

Proverbs 22:4

⁴ Humility, the fear of the LORD, results in wealth, honor, and life.

Proverbs 23:5

⁵ As soon as your eyes fly to it, it disappears, for it makes wings for itself and flies like an eagle to the sky.

Rich and Poor

Proverbs 10:15

¹⁵ The wealth of the rich is his fortified city; the poverty of the poor is their destruction.

Proverbs 13:7

⁷ One person pretends to be rich but has nothing; another pretends to be poor but has abundant wealth.

Proverbs 13:8

⁸ Riches are a ransom for a person's life, but a poor person hears no threat.

Proverbs 13:23

²³ The uncultivated field of the poor yields abundant food, but without justice, it is wept away.

Proverbs 14:20

²⁰ A poor person is hated even by his neighbor, but there are many who love the rich.

Proverbs 17:5

¹¹ The one who mocks the poor insults his Maker, and the one who rejoices over calamity will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 18:11

¹¹ The wealth of the rich is his fortified city; in his imagination it is like a high wall.

Proverbs 18:23

²³ The poor person pleads, but the rich one answers roughly.

Proverbs 19:7

⁷ All the brothers of a poor person hate him; how much more do his friends keep their distance from him! He may pursue them with words, but they are not there.

Proverbs 21:17

¹⁷ The one who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will not get rich.

Proverbs 22:2

² Rich and poor have this in common: the LORD makes them all.

Proverbs 28:3

³ A destitute leader who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no food.

Rich and Poor (cont.)

Proverbs 28:6

⁶ Better the poor person who lives with integrity than the rich one who distorts right and wrong.

Proverbs 28:11

¹¹ A rich person is wise in his own eyes, but a poor one who has discernment sees through him.

Greed

Proverbs 1:19

¹⁹ Such are the paths of all who make profit dishonestly; it takes the lives of those who receive it.

Proverbs 15:27

²⁷ The one who profits dishonestly troubles his household, but the one who hates bribes will live.

Proverbs 22:16

¹⁶ Oppressing the poor to enrich oneself, and giving to the rich - both lead only to poverty.

Proverbs 22:22-23

²² Don't rob a poor person because he is poor, and don't crush the oppressed at the city gate, ²³ for the LORD will champion their cause and will plunder those who plunder them.

Proverbs 23:4

⁴ Don't wear yourself out to get rich; because you know better, stop!

Proverbs 28:8

⁸ Whoever increases his wealth through excessive interest collects it for one who is kind to the poor.

Proverbs 28:20

²⁰ A faithful person will have many blessings, but one in a hurry to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 28:22

²² A greedy one is in a hurry for wealth; he doesn't know that poverty will come to him.

Proverbs 28:25

²⁵ A greedy person stirs up conflict, but whoever trusts in the LORD will prosper.

Provision

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 11:26

²⁶ People will curse anyone who hoards grain, but a blessing will come to the one who sells it.

Proverbs 11:28

²⁸ Anyone trusting in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.

Proverbs 19:14

¹⁴ A house and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Proverbs 30:7-9

⁷ Two things I ask of you; don't deny them to me before I die: ⁸ Keep falsehood and deceitful words far from me. Give me neither poverty nor wealth; feed me with the food I need. ⁹ Otherwise, I might have too much and deny you, saying, "Who is the LORD?" or I might have nothing and steal, profaning the name of my God.

Giving

Proverbs 3:27

²⁷ When it is in your power, don't withhold good from the one to whom it belongs.

Proverbs 11:24

²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor.

Proverbs 11:25

²⁵ A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.

Proverbs 14:21

²¹ The one who despises his neighbor sins, but whoever shows kindness to the poor will be happy.

Proverbs 14:31

³¹ The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors him.