



## Proverbs on **MONEY**

My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for someone's blood, let's waylay some harmless soul; let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; throw in your lot with us, and we will share a common purse" - my son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; for their feet rush into sin, they are swift to shed blood. 1:10-16 Such is the end of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the lives of those who get it. 1:19 Look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 2:4-5 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3:1-2 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. 3:9-10 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 3:13-15 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands in pledge for another, if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor! Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler. 6:1-5 With me (wisdom) are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. 8:18-19 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. 10:4 The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. 10:22 The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight. 11:1 Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. 11:4 He who puts up security for another will surely suffer, but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe. 11:15 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell. 11:24-26 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. 11:28 The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions. 12:27 A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat. 13:8 Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow. 13:11 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. 13:22 The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. 14:20 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy. 14:21 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. 14:23 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. 14:31



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Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil. 15:16 A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live. 15:27 Honest scales and balances are from the LORD; all the weights in the bag are of his making. 16:11 Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice. 16:8 How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver! 16:16 Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud. 16:19 Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife. 17:1 A bribe is a charm to the one who gives it; wherever he turns, he succeeds. 17:8 Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom? 17:16 A man lacking in judgment strikes hands in pledge and puts up security for his neighbor. 17:18 A wicked man accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the course of justice. 17:23 The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall. 18:11 A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly. 18:23 Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him. 19:4 Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts. 19:6 Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD. 19:14 He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done. 19:17 Differing weights and differing measures - the LORD detests them both. 20:10 "It's no good, it's no good!" says the buyer; then off he goes and boasts about his purchase. 20:14 Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel. 20:15 Take the garment of one who puts up security for a stranger; hold it in pledge if he does it for a wayward woman. 20:16 An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning will not be blessed at the end. 20:21 The LORD detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him. 20:23 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. 21:5 A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare. 21:6 If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered. 21:13 A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath. 21:14 He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich. 21:17 In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. 21:20 All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing. 21:26 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. 22:1 Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all. 22:2 Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life. 22:4 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. 22:7 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. 22:9 He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich - both come to poverty. 22:16 Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the LORD will take up their case and will plunder those who plunder them. 22:22-23 Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you. 22:26-27



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Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. 23:4-5 Do not eat the food of a stingy man, do not crave his delicacies; for he is the kind of man who is always thinking about the cost. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you. You will vomit up the little you have eaten and will have wasted your compliments. 23:6-8 Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags. 23:20-21 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house. 24:27 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest - and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. 24:33-34 Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give. 25:14 Take the garment of one who puts up security for a stranger; hold it in pledge if he does it for a wayward woman. 27:13 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field. You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed you and your family and to nourish your servant girls. 27:23-27 A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops. 28:3 Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse. 28:6 He who increases his wealth by exorbitant interest amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor. 28:8 A rich man may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has discernment sees through him. 28:11 A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life. 28:16 He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty. 28:19 A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished. 28:20 A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him. 28:22 He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong" - he is partner to him who destroys. 28:24 He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses. 28:27 A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth. 29:3 By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down. 29:4 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern. 29:7 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives sight to the eyes of both. 29:13 If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will always be secure. 29:14 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. 30:8-9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." 31:8-9 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 31:10