

## Proverbs on wealth

- 3:9** Honour the Lord with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
**3:10** then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- 10:2** Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value,  
but righteousness delivers from death.
- 10:4** Lazy hands make for poverty,  
but diligent hands bring wealth.
- 10:15** The wealth of the rich is their fortified city,  
but poverty is the ruin of the poor.
- 10:16** The wages of the righteous is life,  
but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.
- 11:4** Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,  
but righteousness delivers from death.
- 11:24** One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.
- 11:28** Those who trust in their riches will fall,  
but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.
- 13:8** A person's riches may ransom their life,  
but the poor cannot respond to threatening rebukes.
- 13:11** Dishonest money dwindles away,  
but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.
- 14:20** The poor are shunned even by their neighbours,  
but the rich have many friends.
- 14:31** Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,  
but whoever is kind to the needy honours God.
- 15:16** Better a little with the fear of the Lord  
than great wealth with turmoil.
- 15:17** Better a dish of vegetables with love  
than a fattened calf with hatred.
- 16:8** Better a little with righteousness  
than much gain with injustice.
- 17:1** Better a dry crust with peace and quiet  
than a house full of feasting, with strife.
- 18:10** The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;  
the righteous run to it and are safe.
- 18:11** The wealth of the rich is their fortified city;  
they imagine it a wall too high to scale.
- 18:12** Before a downfall the heart is haughty,  
but humility comes before honour.

- 18:23** The poor plead for mercy,  
but the rich answer harshly.
- 19:4** Wealth attracts many friends,  
but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them.
- 19:7** The poor are shunned by all their relatives –  
how much more do their friends avoid them!  
Though the poor pursue them with pleading,  
they are nowhere to be found.
- 19:17** Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and he will reward them for what they have done.
- 21:6** A fortune made by a lying tongue  
is a fleeting vapour and a deadly snare.
- 22:2** Rich and poor have this in common:  
The Lord is the Maker of them all.
- 22:7** The rich rule over the poor,  
and the borrower is slave to the lender.
- 22:9** The generous will themselves be blessed,  
for they share their food with the poor.
- 23:4** Do not wear yourself out to get rich;  
do not trust your own cleverness.
- 23:5** 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.
- 27:24** Riches do not endure for ever,  
and a crown is not secure for all generations.
- 28:6** Better the poor whose way of life is blameless  
than the rich whose ways are perverse.
- 28:11** The rich are wise in their own eyes;  
one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are.
- 28:20** A faithful person will be richly blessed,  
but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.
- 28:27** Those who give to the poor will lack nothing,  
but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.
- 30:8** Give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.
- 30:9** Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
and say, "Who is the Lord?"  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonour the name of my God.

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