

# MONEY

## 1 Debt

Proverbs 22:26-27 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts; If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you? Habakkuk 2:6-7 ...Woe to him who increases what is not his – how long? and to him who loads himself with many pledges? Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you will become their booty<sup>1</sup>.

Psalms 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous shows mercy and gives. Proverbs 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Proverbs 21:20 here is desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.

Proverbs 6:1-5 A warning against being a cosigner

## 2 Money in perspective

Ecclesiastes 7:12 Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” Proverbs 30:8-9 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches- Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You and say, “Who is the LORD?” or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my god.

## 3 Can you be rich and humble?

Matthew 19:24 “And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

Proverbs 18:23 The poor man uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.

Proverbs 13:6 There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

Proverbs 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich. And he who waters will also be watered himself.

## 4 Humbleness check

1 Samuel 2:7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. [note this does not say your hard work nor your intelligence makes you rich] Job 34:19 Yet He is not partial to princes, Nor does He regard the rich more than the poor; For they are all the work of His hands.

Proverbs 21:17 He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

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<sup>1</sup>plunder taken (as in war) , a rich gain or prize

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common, The LORD is the maker of them all.

## 5 Is getting rich something you want to aspire to?

1 Timothy 6:9-10 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Proverbs 23:3 Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!

Proverbs 28:6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

Proverbs 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

Ecclesiastes 5:12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, Whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

Luke 1:53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

Luke 6:24-25 “But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger.”

## 6 Business dealings / work ethic

Proverbs 11:1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

Proverbs 10:4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

(do not be lazy. do not forget Who you gave you the hand, the health, and the mind!)

## 7 Additional verses

Matthew 25:14-30 – The parable of the talents. Key points

- do not complain about how many “talents” you receive (i.e., whether or not you were born into a wealthy family)
- doing nothing with your talents is NOT within god's will
- depositing money in banks is within God's will (verse 27)

Matthew 19:16-22 – Jesus counsels the rich young ruler.

Key points:

- do not get attached to your worldly possessions
- do not be prideful in thinking that your riches are a result of your righteousness and good deeds. It is far too easy for God to show you just how much you fall short of His glory.

Luke 12:13-21 – The parable of the rich fool. Key points:

- Do not covet for your life does not consist in the abundance of the things you possess (verse 15)
- You won't be here forever. Better to help others (be rich toward God) than lay up treasure for yourself (verses 20-21).