



It might surprise you how much wisdom there is to be soaked-up in *Proverbs* revolving around money. How should we look at it? How should we spend it? What dangers should we be aware of? Why does the way we handle it matter? There's much to learn, so let's open our ears and hearts to see what *Proverbs* has to teach us about wealth.

A rich man's wealth is his strong city,
and like a high wall in his _____. (18:11)

- 🎧 In what way can wealth be like a "strong city" and a "high wall" for the rich person? But why do you think Solomon adds, "in his imagination"?

The rich rules over the poor,
and the borrower is the _____ of the lender. (22:7)

- 🎧 Is that true? If so, how is the borrower "the slave" to the lender? Is there any wise principle there that we need to understand and apply, even in the 21st century?

Treasures gained by _____ do not profit,
but righteousness delivers from death. (10:2)

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness _____ from death. (11:4)

Whoever _____ in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf. (11:28)

- 🎧 What does it look like for someone to "trust in" their riches? Why do you think we are so strongly warned against that?

One _____ freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. (11:24)

Whoever is _____ to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed. (19:17)

💡 Why do you think God cares so much about his people being generous?

Whoever oppresses a poor man _____ his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (14:31)

Proverbs also has a great deal to say about work ethic (6:6-11).

A _____ hand causes poverty,
but the hand of the diligent makes rich. (10:4)

In all toil there is profit,
but mere _____ tends only to poverty. (14:23)

💡 Is our work ethic something we ought to take seriously as disciples of Jesus? If so, why?
Why do you think we have so many warnings (23:20-21; 28:19) along these lines?

💡 Why do you think *Proverbs* encourages us to think so carefully about the way we hold on (or at least *try* to hold on) to our wealth (13:11; 23:4-5; 15:27)?

Finally, what difference should this nugget of wisdom make in our everyday lives?

The rich and the poor meet _____;
the Lord is the Maker of them all. (22:2)

Proverbs Made Personal

Warning: a message of caution I needed to hear...

Insight: a point I need to remember...

Strength: I was helped and encouraged to walk in wisdom by...

Exalt: God is worthy of honor and praise because...