

PROVERBS BY THE DOZEN

Money & Possessions



Give God's portion FIRST. Don't pay all your other bills first to see if you will "have enough" for God. Failing to give God's portion is stealing from Him.

God is no man's debtor. Those who honor Him with their wealth will find their needs met.

"God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply." –Hudson Taylor

Honor the Lord from
your wealth and
from the first of all
your produce;
So your barns will be
filled with plenty and
your vats will
overflow with new
wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10



*Have a giving mindset and you will not begrudge someone who has a need that you can meet.
Don't refuse to give to your friend's obvious need because it might mess up your budget.
Don't forget to factor in God's unexpected meeting of your needs when looking at your expenses.
There will still be enough "tomorrow" if you give today.*

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to do it.

Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," when you have it with you.

Proverbs 3:27–28



The rich man's wealth is
his fortress...

The way of the Lord is a
stronghold to the upright.
Proverbs 10:15, 29

***Thinking that money will protect you from disaster is
an illusion.***

***God is the One who is true protection in times of
disaster for those who trust in Him.***



*It is the blessing of the
Lord that makes rich,
and He adds
no sorrow to it.*

Proverbs 10:22

*Receiving God's blessings with thankfulness
brings great joy.*

*Always trying to get the next thing brings worry
and anxiety with trying to hold on to them.*



*Hoarding your resources is not the way to increase them.
Generosity begets generosity.
Have a mindset that "there's more where that came from" and be a channel to give God's blessings to others.
Others can tell whether you have an open hand with your resources or a closed hand.*

**There is one who scatters, and yet
increases all the more,
and there is one who withholds
what is justly due,
and yet it results only in want.**

**The generous man will be
prosperous,
And he who waters will himself be
watered.**

Proverbs 11:24-25



Better is a little with
righteousness
Than great income
with injustice.

Proverbs 16:8

There are many wrong ways to “get ahead” and get more, but living clean brings great contentment. You don’t need a lot in order to be content, but you do need to be living rightly.



Don't give to the poor based on whether or not they are worthy—you are giving your gift to God, and He is worthy of your gift.

Don't brush past the needs of the poor. God notices those who pay attention to the needs of the poor.

*One who is
gracious to the
poor man lends to
the Lord,
and He will repay
him for his good
deed.*

Proverbs 19:17



***Get-rich-quick promotions are NOT your friend.
Pass them by and work for your money.
Don't be lured by lotteries and windfalls.
Receiving a large amount of money at one time can
lead to many foolish desires.***

*An inheritance
gained hurriedly
at the beginning
will not be blessed
in the end.*

Proverbs 20:21



A good name is to be
more desired than
great wealth,
favor is better than
silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1

***People may not know how much money is in your bank account, but they will know what type of character you have by what you do and say.
Establish your name as one that is trustworthy and fears the Lord.***



*The rich and the poor have
a common bond,
the Lord is the maker
of them all.*

Proverbs 22:2

Don't show partiality to someone who has more stuff.

*Don't think of yourself as better than someone else if you
have more or less than someone else if you have less.*

*Be humble about the life situation you were born into;
God will use it for His purposes.*



Do not weary yourself to
gain wealth,
Cease from your
consideration of it,
When you set your eyes
on it, it is gone.
For wealth certainly
makes itself wings,
like an eagle that flies
toward the heavens.

Proverbs 23:4-5

The bills always rise to fit the amount of money available to spend on them. Thinking you will be satisfied if you have “just a little bit more” is an illusion.

When you get an unexpected gift or bonus, don't let your heart be snagged by greed. Rather, see if it was given to meet an unexpected need that you or someone else has.



Be content with “enough.”

It’s possible to learn to be content with “enough.”

There will always be enough to live and to give.

It’s possible to have too much and fall into false security and forget God. It’s possible to have too little and scheme wrong ways to get more.

Give me neither poverty
nor riches;
Feed me with the food
that is my portion,
that I not be full and deny
You and say,
“Who is the Lord?”
or that I not be in want
and steal,
and profane the name of
my God.

Proverbs 30:8-9

How to Keep a Proverbs Notebook

The Book of Proverbs has 31 chapters and can be easily read by doing **one chapter each day**.

Whichever date it is, read that chapter of Proverbs.

Example: On the 5th of the month, read chapter 5. On the 23rd of the month, read chapter 23.

Do not try to “catch up” on chapters if you miss a day—just read that day’s chapter of Proverbs.

The simplest notebook is **to write your favorite verse** from the chapter. The next month when you read through, choose a different favorite verse. At the end of the year, you will have 12 verses written from each chapter.

Or, for more of a challenge, **look for different themes** each time you read through the book, and write the verses you find in your notebook. Here are some common themes:

- “My son...”
- Wisdom
- Money
- Friends
- Speaking
- Heart matters
- Women
- Fools
- Work

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