

Proverbs

**The Perils Of Riches &
Ways To Poverty**

Purposes/Uses Of The Book

(Prov. 1:2-6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion-- 5 A wise [man] will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

Made For Application

- [Jas 1:21-25 NKJV] 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues [in it], and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Dangers In Acquiring Riches

- Greed
- Bad Attitude, Poor Perspective
- “Easy Money”
- **Dishonest Gain**

Dangers In Acquiring Riches – Dishonest Gain

- [Pro 10:2 NKJV] 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.
- [Pro 14:31 NKJV] 31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.
- [Pro 22:22-23 NKJV] 22 Do not rob the poor because he [is] poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate; 23 For the LORD will plead their cause, And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.
- [Pro 28:8 NKJV] 8 One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

Dangers Of Trusting In Riches

Dangers Of Trusting In Riches – Riches Will Not Last

- [Pro 10:15 NKJV] 15 The rich man's wealth [is] his strong city; The destruction of the poor [is] their poverty.
- [Pro 11:28 NKJV] 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.
- [Pro 23:5 NKJV] 5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For [riches] certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle [toward] heaven.

Dangers Of Trusting In Riches – Riches Provide False Security

- [Pro 19:4 NKJV] 4 Wealth makes many friends,
But the poor is separated from his friend.
- [Pro 28:11 NKJV] 11 The rich man [is] wise in
his own eyes, But the poor who has
understanding searches him out.

What Are True Riches?

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Character, Contentment & Children

- [Pro 28:6 NKJV] 6 Better [is] the poor who walks in his integrity Than one perverse [in his] ways, though he [be] rich.
- [Pro 30:8 NKJV] 8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches-- Feed me with the food allotted to me;
- [Pro 15:17 NKJV] 17 Better [is] a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fattened calf with hatred.

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- [Pro 13:7 NKJV] 7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet [has] nothing; [And] one who makes himself poor, yet [has] great riches.
- [Pro 13:22 NKJV] 22 A good [man] leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

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Righteousness

- [Pro 16:8 NKJV] 8 Better [is] a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice.
- [Pro 18:10-11 NKJV] 10 The name of the LORD [is] a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe. 11 The rich man's wealth [is] his strong city, And like a high wall in his own esteem.
- [Pro 15:16 NKJV] 16 Better [is] a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble.

Responsibilities & Blessings Of Benevolence

Responsibilities & Blessings Of Benevolence – God's View

- [Pro 17:4-5 NKJV] 4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue. 5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.
- [Pro 19:17 NKJV] 17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.
- [Pro 29:7 NKJV] 7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor, [But] the wicked does not understand [such] knowledge.
- [Pro 19:22 NKJV] 22 What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

Responsibilities & Blessings Of

Benevolence – Benefits To The Giver

- [Pro 11:17 NKJV] 17 The merciful man does good for his own soul, But [he who is] cruel troubles his own flesh.
- [Pro 22:9 NKJV] 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.
- [Pro 28:27 NKJV] 27 He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.
- [Pro 21:13 NKJV] 13 Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be heard.